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Otterbein asks that you share
this gift of kindness —

to let someone know you appreciate
them and why you feel that way.



Kindness Matters at Otterbein



It always has. I believe it matters now, more than ever.

Kindness is not to be confused with simply being friendly or nice.

Those are admirable qualities but this is about something more. Otterbein kindness is about genuine regard, the care and the conviction to ease someone's burden, to advance knowledge, to nurture civility, to build community and certainly to advance the common good.

Compassion, servant leadership and an outward-focused commitment to others are traits woven into Otterbein's moral fabric. You'll see these truths in the stories and profiles featured in this kindness-themed issue of *Towers*.

I'm proud to report that based on our culture, Otterbein has been invited to serve as one of the lead partners of Kind Columbus, an effort led by The Columbus Foundation to inspire kindness in this region. Otterbein's initiative is called Kindness Matters. Many leaders, including Westerville

Mayor Kathy Cocuzzi, are working alongside us with their own kindness efforts. We're discovering that kindness is contagious.

Speaking of contagious kindness, you'll meet one of the visionaries behind this kindness effort. I know you'll enjoy reading more about what Bob and Peggy Walter hope to see realized in Columbus in the name of kindness starting on page 10. The Walters have long stood as champions for the common good and personally as an inspiration to me.

Kindness isn't new to Otterbein — but we are finding new and timely ways to amplify this value. In the past few months, our campus community has rallied to share kindness by:

- Faculty and staff giving flowers (donated by **Paul Reiner '68** and Oakland Nurseries) to someone whom they appreciate;
- Westerville neighbors writing letters of welcome to our incoming students;
- Expanding the Fall Service Plunge to serve more agencies and neighbors in central Ohio;
- Students rallying to support Texas students affected by Hurricane Harvey;
- Offering a Salute to Kindness to honor our veterans and service members at our 100th Homecoming;
- And hosting a Pop Up Kindness Think Tank to explore how to cultivate kindness throughout our communities and impact future research on kindness we will embark on.

In 1847, Otterbein leaders invested in the idea that an educated citizenry can and will advance a greater good. You prove the wisdom of their thinking every day in the ways you lead in your professions, your communities and your families.

I invite you to share your own stories of kindness and your ideas for how to take kind action to get involved in this initiative. You can learn more online at:

OtterbeinKindnessMatters.org.

With my kind regards,

President Kathy A. Krendl

P.S. You can follow and share the kindness at **#OtterbeinKindness**

Mission Statement

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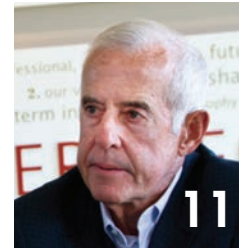
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At this year's Welcome Back event, members of the Otterbein community were given free flowers to give to someone to show appreciation. In the photo at left, Allen Reichert, professor of the Electric Access Library, and Kristi Robbins, chief of staff in the Office of the President, share a lighthearted moment.

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WE **STAND** TOGETHER. OTTERBEIN MATTERS.



Loyal Supporters Recognized at Homecoming Halftime

The **Where We STAND Matters** campaign has achieved tremendous momentum in 2017, securing **more than \$44.25 million dollars** in commitments toward our \$50 million dollar goal. These gifts fuel the growth of our Model Community, access and affordability, and campus renewal, all thanks to the kindness and generosity of our Otterbein community of supporters. At halftime of the Homecoming and Family Weekend 2017 football game, we recognized some of our most loyal supporters **who together represent more than 100 years of giving**.

Those honored included the **Westerville Otterbein Women's Club** represented by president **Joyce Strickler Miller '61**, and past president **Jan Lenahan Dwyer '66**. Founded in 1921, the Club operates the **Otterbein Thrift Shop**, with proceeds supporting Otterbein and its students. Thanks to the Club's efforts, proceeds surpassed **one million dollars**.

Also honored were **Sean Donnelly MBA '07**, his wife, **Kellyn**, and daughters, **Maura and Bridget** (son Tommy is not pictured). Last year, Sean and Kellyn created

DONORS HONORED



photo by Jill Money penny

Otterbein's **first-ever graduate program endowment**. The **Sean T. and Kellyn E. Donnelly MBA Program Endowment** helps to fund and enhance MBA programming, recruiting and scholarships.

Morton Achter H'00 and Barbara Chapman Achter generously provided funds to replace the seating in **Battelle Fine Arts Center's Riley Auditorium**. Morton received an Otterbein Honorary Alumnus Award in 2000 and is former professor and chair of the Department of Music. Barbara is former professor and chairperson of Otterbein's Department of Nursing.

Otterbein faculty and staff were also honored for achieving a **record-breaking 54 percent in support** for the Otterbein Fund and other areas last academic year, well above the average for higher education. The group included faculty and staff **STAND Campaign co-chairs Annette Harting Boose '94**, administrative assistant in the Department of Health and Sport Sciences and **Michael Hoggarth**, biology and earth science professor (not pictured); **Sean Money penny**, HVAC technician with the facilities department; **Susan Thompson**, mathematical science professor; **James Prysock '09**, director of the Office of Social Justice and Activism; and **Bob Gatti H'03**, vice president for Student Affairs.

Anniversaries Celebrated at Homecoming

This year has been full of anniversaries for the Otterbein community. This fall we celebrated 100 years since the first Homecoming at Otterbein. During Homecoming weekend, the Class of 1967 celebrated its 50th reunion, Epsilon Kappa Tau and Theta Nu sororities celebrated 100 years since their founding, and the *Tan & Cardinal* celebrated 100 years since its first publication.

This academic year, Otterbein honors the 125th anniversary of the University's first African American graduate, William Henry Fouse, Class of 1893.

Also this academic year, the Department of Nursing celebrates 40 years since its founding. Professors marched in the Homecoming parade and are planning more events to celebrate undergraduate and graduate nursing at Otterbein.

Finally, the Westerville Symphony at Otterbein is celebrating its 35th consecutive season, while Conductor Peter Stafford Wilson is celebrating 25 years with the orchestra. Check out the symphony's outstanding lineup of concerts for this anniversary season at westervillesymphony.org.



Members of Theta Nu (top) and Epsilon Kappa Tau (EKT) (above) celebrate their 100th anniversary at Otterbein's 100th Homecoming this past September.



Otterbein Named a Tree Campus USA

Otterbein celebrated the environment at Homecoming this year. After the annual parade, the Facilities Service Department representatives planted a red oak tree and handed out 100 saplings in honor of the University being named a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The designation is awarded to two- and four-year accredited colleges and universities that meet or exceed the five standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation relating to tree care and stewardship, education and community engagement. Learn more at arborday.org/programs/treecampususa.





Please Welcome the Class of 2021

On Thursday, Aug. 7, Otterbein faculty and staff lined up for the annual “Clap In” along Grove Street to cheer and show their support as first-year students marched to their first convocation of their college careers. In four years, students will experience the same tradition when they exit from their graduation ceremony.

This fall’s first-year class has 21 percent students of color, or 126 students from a freshman class of 607; it is the most diverse class in Otterbein’s history for the fourth year in a row. The class represents 25 states and 62 Ohio counties. Forty-five students have enrolled from Columbus City Schools, thanks to outreach

programs to the district’s graduates, which boast a 94 percent retention rate. Thirty-two percent of the entering class is eligible for the federal Pell grant. More than 40 percent of the class has a 3.8 or higher GPA. Retention is up eight percent over the last five years, from 75 percent to more than 83 percent.

Otterbein also has 25 new international students this fall and two international scholars, representing 10 countries. The students come from China, Germany, Ghana, India, Japan, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Students from South Korea are the largest incoming group followed by Japan, then China.

Dual Admission Program Provides Affordable Degree Path



Otterbein has announced a new path for central Ohio students to receive one of the most affordable college degrees in the state. Through the new Dual Admission Program, students will earn both an associate degree from Columbus State Community College and a bachelor’s degree from Otterbein. The two degrees will cost less than half the cost of a bachelor’s degree from an Ohio public university. A student enrolled in the program will be a student at Columbus State and Otterbein from day one. Whether it’s reading Otterbein’s Common Book and hearing the author speak on campus, using Otterbein’s library, joining an Otterbein club or student organization, or even participating in a study abroad opportunity, participation in the program brings with it many of the benefits available to all Otterbein students. For more information, visit csc2ottu.com.

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Columbus State Community College

President Krendl to Retire

President Kathy A. Krendl, Ph.D., has announced her plans to retire at the end of June 2018. Krendl joined the Otterbein community in July 2009.

“President Krendl and her leadership team have made significant contributions to improve the campus, the experiences of its students, faculty, staff and alumni as well as forming strong networks in central Ohio and beyond,” said Board of Trustees Chairman **Mark Thresher '78**, executive vice president and CFO of Nationwide. “We are thankful for the growth and leadership she has brought to Otterbein during her tenure and the strong commitment she has toward educating the whole person while creating a model community of lifelong leaders and learners.”

Krendl has worked to position Otterbein for continued success through increasing fundraising efforts, launching new academic programs, diversifying revenue sources, building relationships with business and community leaders, establishing partnerships with women's organizations, and collaborating with non-profits and other higher education institutions. She has also focused institutional attention on recruiting top quality students, faculty and staff to the Otterbein community.

Having joined Otterbein at the beginning of the recession, Krendl committed to identifying strategies to maintain access to an affordable four-year education. She worked with the Otterbein Board of Trustees to freeze tuition costs for students and families. As a result, tuition at Otterbein has been held constant for all students for the past four years — an unprecedented decision in higher education today.

New scholarships and merit opportunities became a key priority in launching the Where We STAND Matters \$50 million comprehensive campaign — the University's largest fundraising effort



President Krendl speaks at the Gathering of Gratitude event on Sept. 12 in the Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall.

in its history. Another effort to establish an affordable pathway to a degree was announced this past spring with the development of a new dual admission program with Columbus State Community College. The program drastically reduces the cost of a four-year degree for families making an Otterbein degree more affordable than most four-year public institutions in the state.

Most recently, the launch of The Point at Otterbein, an economic driver and collaborative partnership with business and industry, the City of Westerville, and the State of Ohio, has re-defined the future of higher education as students, faculty, and partners integrate the STEAM fields — science, technology, engineering, art, and math — in an experiential, hands-on learning environment. This one-of-a-kind concept in central Ohio has been identified as a model of 21st century education by Fortune 500 businesses and government officials who have visited The Point.

A search for Otterbein's 21st president in its 170-year history began this fall led by Otterbein board of trustees member Cheryl Herbert, senior vice president of regional operations at OhioHealth.



Otterbein Earns Regional and National Recognition

Otterbein has a lot to celebrate this fall, as its people and programs continue to earn national recognition.

President Kathy A. Krendl was named a 2017 Smart Women Award honoree by *Smart Business Columbus*. She was recognized in the Progressive Woman category. The prestigious award recognizes female executives or managers who have risen through the ranks in their careers and overcome significant challenges along the way.

In the *U.S. News & World Report* 2018 edition of “America’s Best Colleges,” Otterbein once again is ranked in the top 15 percent among 173 peers in the Regional Universities—Midwest category and earned a spot in the list of “A+ Schools for B Students,” which recognizes schools where average students can realize their potential. Among the Ohio schools in its category, Otterbein boasts the third highest peer review score. Otterbein ranked 19th overall and 12th in its category on the “Best Colleges for Veterans” list. Additionally, this year Otterbein is named a “Best Value School.”

The Department of Theatre and Dance was named among the Top 10 BFA Acting Programs in the Country for 2017-18 by *OnStage Blog*. To see upcoming productions, go to otterbein.edu/theatre.



Professor Takes Sigmund Freud Archives Online



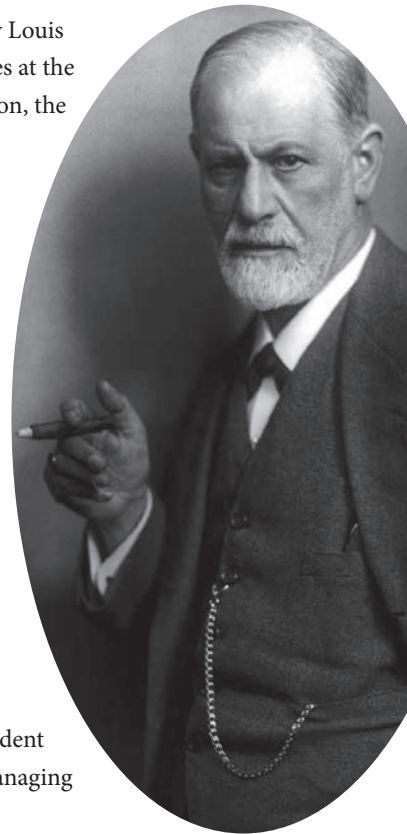
Lou Rose, professor of history and political science.

In 2015, Professor of Modern European History Louis Rose became the trustee of the Sigmund Freud Archives at the Library of Congress. Earlier this year, under his direction, the collection was made available online.

Rose is the editor of the interdisciplinary psychoanalytic journal *American Imago*. The journal was founded by Freud in 1912. Rose was approached to edit *American Imago* due to his work as a historian interested in the history of psychoanalysis and its beginnings in Vienna through World War II. He took the helm in 2012, the journal's centennial year. Additionally, Paul Eisenstein, dean of Otterbein's School of Arts and Sciences, became an associate editor of the journal after Rose recommended him because of his writings on psychoanalytic topics and his multi-disciplinary perspective.

Rose's research and scholarship, which is supported by University research and travel funds, benefit his students. Not only does he bring what he learns back into the classroom, but he also employs student assistants. One student assistant went on to serve as managing editor of *American Imago* after graduation.

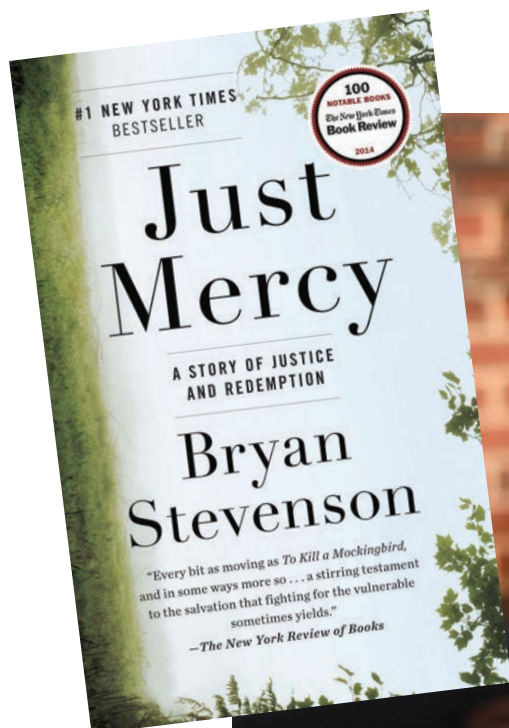
Rose is currently working with the Library of Congress to get the audio of interviews with Freud's family, friends and colleagues digitized. As soon as private funding is secured, he says the work will begin. You can view the digital archives at loc.gov/collections/sigmund-freud-papers.



Sigmund Freud



Library of Congress Main Reading Room.



Common Book

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

Bryan Stevenson, author of this year's Common Book, *Just Mercy*, spoke to a packed audience at the Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall on Oct. 25 about his personal experiences with the American justice system. Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his

first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Stevenson into a tangle of conspiracy, political machinations, and legal brinkmanship — and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever. Through his book and his lecture, Stevenson argues for compassion in the pursuit of justice.

The Common Book theme ties into other initiatives on campus. Associate

Professor of English Shannon Lakanen and her class are working with Piper Kerman, author of *Orange is the New Black*, on a memoir-writing course with female inmates at the Ohio Reformatory for Women and male inmates at the Marion Correctional Institution. Additionally, Kerman is the 2018 **Vernon L. Pack '50** Distinguished Lecturer. You can read more about Lakanen's class on page 13, and about the prison outreach work of **Sue Sabo '74** on page 33.



OTTERBEIN AND THE ARTS
OPENING DOORS TO THE WORLD

Opening Doors to the World focuses on Africa in 2017-18

Otterbein and the Arts: Opening Doors to the World has looked at Latin America (2015-16) and Asia (2016-17) with thought-provoking and engaging visual and performance arts and events. This year, the focus turns to Africa. South Africa, Sudan, and "Another Place," addressing immigration and the refugee crisis, are primary gateway countries and topics that will be explored in programs this year. You can view the schedule of events at www.otterbein.edu/openingdoors.



Photo by Sophia Klaase, whose photos are on display in Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall. The photos are from South Africa and part of the display, "Extra Ordinary Lives, Portraits of a Land Divided."



Michael Storts, center, with wife, **Jessica Storts '04**, left, and President Kathy Krendl.



Brent Shaw, center, with son, **Tyler Shaw '18**, right, and President Kathy Krendl.

Model Community Family Award Winners Honored at Homecoming

The Model Community Family Award was presented to two men at halftime of the Homecoming football game on Sept. 16. Michael Storts was nominated by his wife, **Jessica Storts '04**, a graduate teaching student who also earned her bachelor's degree at Otterbein. Brent Shaw was nominated by his son, Tyler Shaw, a senior at Otterbein.

walking for the first time without assistance. When I was exhausted from taking care of Michael and our four children, he was amazingly encouraging and my biggest supporter," she wrote

Tyler Shaw also felt supported by his father, Brent Shaw, who recently was diagnosed with CMT, a form of muscular dystrophy. Tyler wrote, "He's only 46 years

"WHEN I WANTED TO QUIT, I WOULD ENVISION HIM WALKING FOR THE FIRST TIME WITHOUT ASSISTANCE."

- JESSICA STORTS '04

Jessica Storts nominated Michael for the support he has given her despite his own hardships. Michael suffered a sudden illness that left him unable to walk, breathe, sleep, or eat, and was fighting for his life. "He defied the odds, miraculously survived, and slowly recovered," wrote Jessica in her nomination.

"I was exhausted, overwhelmed, and unsure if I could add school back into the mix. However, his example and fight to survive kept me focused on school. When I wanted to quit, I would envision him

old, but he cannot walk without a cane, he loses his balance frequently, and his legs and arms are always in pain. However, despite all of this, he still works because he wants to provide for my family."

"My dad has sacrificed so much for me, and I could never thank him enough," Tyler wrote. "He has really shown me the true way to be a man, and I am so grateful for everything he has done for me. From where I STAND, I see that my dad is the one to thank for all my accomplishments and successes."

The Point's Maker Space Opens to the Public

The Point at Otterbein University opened its Maker Space to the public at an open house on Sept. 22. The Point is now accepting memberships for its Maker Space, where anyone in the community can use a wide variety of equipment and tools for projects, ideas and dreams. Training is included to create unique items with metal, wood, lasers, 3D printing, vinyl cutting and more. Learn more about The Point and the Maker Space at otterbeinpoint.com.

THE POINT

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New Year, New Website

Otterbein will have a digital facelift with the launch of a new website coming in March 2018. The website will feature a fresh look, streamlined and improved content, an easier navigational structure and be device-friendly.



WHY KINDNESS MATTERS

***What inspires one of the most powerful
business minds in the country
to help motivate his city to be kinder?***

Editor's Note: Robert D. Walter is the founder and retired Chairman of Dublin, Ohio-based Cardinal Health, Inc., a global provider of healthcare products and services. Walter, who served as CEO for 37 years, founded the company at the age of 26.

For Bob Walter, kindness started with the example his father set. Throughout his life, he's seen how kind acts gain momentum, manifesting good in ways that might not be expected. Now Walter focuses intentionally on spreading what he describes as contagious kindness. He's invested in major initiatives such as establishing a professorship at another university to help develop empathy in doctors, but he's equally confident that everyday actions quickly cause kindness to multiply. For example, Walter recently helped a stranger — a father with severe disability issues — by driving him in a golf cart so he could follow his son at a golf tournament. As it turns out, that simple act meant the father was able to make it to the 17th hole to witness his son's first hole in one. A simple act of kindness turned into something much bigger.

Otterbein President Kathy Krendl recently sat down with Bob Walter to talk about kindness, Walter's hopes and Otterbein's role in the kindness initiative he's started with The Columbus Foundation known as Kind Columbus.

Kathy: *Why does kindness matter to you?*

Bob: As I think back on my life, I think about how my father lifted me up and I am reminded that my father is probably the most kind person that I've ever met. I saw the effect he had on other people, including me. I think kindness is important to me because it was such an important quality in my father.

Kathy: *When you think about your father, what memory comes to mind as demonstrating that kindness to you or others?*

Bob: First of all, my father lost his eyesight when I was 14. Here's somebody who graduated from college summa cum laude; had a great career going; decided to go into business by himself and then he went blind. You could really feel sorry for yourself. In all the years I knew my father, I never heard him complain. The second thing is, he always worried about my mother, which is a quality I admired. And the third thing is, he was always concerned about everyone else. He always had this positive attitude; he assumed people were good and he treated others with what I think was unbelievable kindness.

Kathy: *So that was early in your life. You watched him throughout his life. Did something click in terms of precipitating your and Peggy's attitude about trying to make kindness contagious in your own lives?*

Bob: I think the singular event — this was three years ago — when I was reading in *The Dispatch* that one of the missions of a local charity was to provide gifts for children at Christmas — and [that year] they weren't going to be able to do it.

I'm thinking, "what an incredibly nice thing to do" and then I started thinking, "what's going to happen to those kids?" I called The Columbus Foundation to see what was happening and told them we would buy all the gifts. That was not hard for us to do.

But I was reminded of that organization's kindness through all of those years and, of course, what would be their lack of ability to do it. That's what spurred me to do something. Then, I started thinking about kindness and started reading more about it.

Kathy: *We've been through a couple of major disasters lately. Do you think it's easier for people to come together in crisis as opposed to making kindness a daily habit?*

Bob: I think what we're trying to do is to get people to be kind every day and to be thinking about that in every social



situation — not just in a crisis. That seems like it would be easier to do. I think if we were better trained to practice kindness; we would probably be better at it in crisis situations, too.

Kathy: *What piece of the puzzle do you hope Otterbein can address in terms of the kindness initiative?*

Bob: Otterbein's job is to educate a segment of society — and you want that segment of society to go out and be leaders and influence society.

Kathy: *Right!*

Bob: The whole core of your institution is about service and equality and treating people well. It feels to me like Otterbein can develop a program to help students realize this and take it to the next level. It can be part of giving back — both training the student not just on what you call book academics but understanding life and how to be a better person. As you're developing them, they can also be service providers. Otterbein could be a leader in this segment — the college level — and have an even bigger effect on community service.

Kathy: *You and Peggy are making things happen that we hope will be amplified and multiplied. I don't know that there's an end to it, but when would you know you've been successful?*

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Bob: I think when I can say to myself this is self-sustaining. We've been involved on the front end of a lot of charitable initiatives where the charity couldn't do it on their own. It's what I call engaged giving — where we got involved personally. You get them going and then all of a sudden you realize, "they don't need me anymore." That's fantastic.

Kathy: *If you were to give someone advice about why they should do something kind more intentionally or more often, what would you say to encourage this kind of attitude?*

Bob: We have a responsibility to help lift other people up because we all have been lifted up. I don't care who you are — there are times in your life when you're going to need to be lifted up. I've never hired anybody who didn't tell me that they needed a little help. To say you've never needed help — it simply isn't true. I would say an act of kindness, in some ways, is selfish because you will probably get as much or more out of it as somebody else.

Kathy: *So let me ask you, if people made it a habit to be kinder, what would you expect we'd discover?*

Bob: I think we'd discover less fighting and discord and more connectivity and happiness. Frankly, it would be a more efficient world.

To read more about Bob Walter and the kindness initiative, visit

OtterbeinKindnessMatters.org.



BUILDING A KINDER FUTURE

by Carla Corroto, chair, Department of Sociology, Criminology and Justice Studies



Judy Guion-Utsler, University chaplain (top); Carla Corroto, chair, Department of Sociology, Criminology and Justice Studies, (left); and Sandy Skovran, affiliate associate professor at a Kindness Think Tank at the Point on Oct. 28.

Why Research on Kindness Matters

Advice is readily available in the media and as well as from our families. On topics of import, we call our children or get calls from our parents with the insistence that, “They say a glass of red wine a day is good for us; they say children who take art classes are more independent.” I am sure each of us has started with “they say” only to finish a sentence with the popular pronouncements of the moment, unsure of whom “they” are or how “they” made this knowledge claim. Importantly, we are often not aware of how our own assumptions are guided by popular culture’s interpretation of what passes for research findings.

Take the concept of kindness, which is the focus of our research. Do you assume that if you react with kindness, others will respond in kind? Do you think people act in an altruistic fashion only if kindness is rewarded? What motivates a kind organization to enact policies that treat each participant equitably? What factors influence kind businesses to pay a living, rather than a minimum wage?

These are difficult questions. We care about finding the answers because we want to know how to facilitate social change that encourages kindness at every level of our community. Many argue society is trending toward a meaner, less caring, more divisive era. Individually, some are quick to demean. Organizationally, we are more exclusive. Institutionally, we experience greater inequality.

Responding to a negative trend with a cultural push toward kindness is imperative, especially for those in our society with the least power and fewest resources. Understanding how to create a social movement that influences attitudes, behaviors, and beliefs can be powerful when we change public opinion and everyday behavior. Therefore, research on how to promote a kinder community is important. This research should inform policies and practices that foster kinder environments so that we may more effectively enact a kinder version of our future. Our assumptions about how to develop a kinder community are a place to start, but from there we must employ systematic research methods to answer these complex questions.

They say research, like kindness, matters.

Carla Corroto thanks Sandy Skovron, affiliate associate professor; Leesa Kern, assistant professor, sociology, criminology and justice studies; Heidi Ballard, associate professor, sociology, criminology and justice studies; Judy Guion-Utsler, University chaplain; and Melissa Gilbert, associate dean, experiential learning and community engagement; for their creativity and work on this project.



Shannon Lakanen, professor of English, takes her class to Marion Correctional Institute to interact with prisoners there, and what they are finding are lessons in human kindness.

KINDNESS BEHIND BARS

by Shannon Lakanen, professor of English

The first time we made it past both security checkpoints, past the visiting rooms, and into the main hall of Marion Correctional Institution (MCI) to meet with the men enrolled in Piper Kerman's and Christopher Greathouse's True Story Writing class, I was keenly aware that the most powerful interactions are the ones we never anticipate.

The hall was lined with men in prison uniforms leaning against doorways to socialize, and as Christopher and I brought up the back of the line of eleven undergraduate students, I remember feeling that had I been blindfolded, I would still feel their gazes on us as we passed. When we got to the conference room, we found a few men scattered around the circle of chairs. They immediately greeted us with individual fist bumps and handshakes, asked how the drive was, told us how glad they were that we came, and invited us to sit down.

Gwendolyn DeRosa, a part-time ESL instructor enrolled in my course, describes the significance of her first impression: "Walking into the classroom in the men's prison was a surreal experience. The physical environment was cold and barren. I felt awkward and uncomfortable. I didn't know what to expect. But from the moment we walked in, I was so grateful for the guys' welcoming attitude." Their unexpected tenderness with us in these moments was the first of many kindnesses they offered.

Three years ago, Piper Kerman, author of the memoir, *Orange is the New Black*, began building memoir-writing programs in central Ohio prisons. Two years ago, her students at Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW) and MCI started earning credit at Otterbein for their work in her courses. Every other week this

semester, I've traveled with my students to participate in Piper and Chris's classes.

My class roster includes students at every stage of their academic careers: a third-year equine business major rides shotgun in the Ottervan on the drive to Marion, while a first-semester psychology student discusses the week's reading with a senior creative writer. "For a few hours every couple of weeks, our labels are stripped from us," explains psychology major **Alex Bowman '18**. "We are just people interacting with people through nothing but respect and kindness."

In our class meetings, we discuss the same books and bring responses to the same autobiographical writing prompts as the students at ORW and MCI. We have in-depth discussions of the formal characteristics of memoir writing and the writerly moves that authors make. But what we're finding most valuable is the lesson in human kindness inherently embedded in this set-up: what we discover when we open ourselves to exploring our connections with each other.

And the connections are easier to discover than one might expect: after creative writing major **Alex Futo '19** read a memoir about her parents' divorce, one of the most seasoned MCI students responded, "Now I've never been a 13-year-old girl, but your story brought me right back to '64 when my mom and dad split up, so I thank you for sharing it." These relationships teach us again and again that no matter our differences, when we are sincere in our efforts to understand the most significant stories of each other's lives, we illuminate our similarities.

REFLECTIONS ON



JEREMY PAUL '19
*political science major, educational studies
minor, Otterbein University Student
Government president*

Kindness is the act of showing love, gratitude, and respect for fellow humans and the world around us.

After the passing of my grandfather, my teammates on the Summer Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) Team exemplified kindness in a way that I have never seen before. Their willingness to be by my side through it all helped me in ways that they'll never know. Losing someone is hard, but acts of kindness from the ones you love can make it so much easier.

"AS EDUCATORS, ONE OF OUR TASKS IS TO REFLECT ON OUR TEACHING TO SEE HOW WE CAN TRAIN THE FUTURE LEADERS TO BE MORE SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS. THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT ONLY MORAL, IT'S ESSENTIAL."

- SHIRINE MAFI

Kindness is the act of putting others before self. Kindness matters as an educator shaping young minds, as well as towards colleagues and staff whom you work with to make a better learning environment.

The biggest act of kindness I see is when the teachers and administrators and staff that I work with give of themselves through their time, as well as their gifts, to families in need. Each Christmas, they collect toys, clothes, shoes and other items to help make Christmas brighter for our families. And whenever needed, they pitch in to support families in crisis, from the death of a family member to a house fire, and everything in between.



JEAN STAMBACH THOMAS '91
teacher at the Ohio School for the Deaf



REV. DAVID HOGG '67
*former pastor of the Church of the Master
United Methodist Church, Westerville (retired)
volunteer chaplain for Westerville Fire and Police*

I learned from my parents that kindness is a lifestyle fulfilling the Golden Rule of Jesus, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." My response is to see others through the heart of love seeking to respond to persons in need around me.

As a chaplain, I am involved with people in crisis during the most painful and raw moments of their lives. I can respond with a compassion and kindness that gives them hope when their world has suddenly exploded. Kindness is a lifeline helping them back to life when they feel all is lost.

When I was in third grade, a new student joined our class in the middle of the year. He was very poor. On his first day at lunch he only had a pencil in his lunch bag. Many of the students laughed at him. I did what my parents taught me. I sat down next to him and shared my lunch with him letting him know he would always have a friend in the class. He was only with us for a couple of weeks when his parents moved again. I never saw him after that, but that moment has always reminded me kindness is a powerful response of love that we can all do.

KINDNESS

To me, kindness is acting without expectation of reciprocity or recognition. Kindness is hard-wired into us — even 18-month-old children, who are relatively unburdened by social norms, show strong tendencies to help others.

Without the support of our partners, we would not have been able to deliver over 90 adaptive bicycles to children across the country.

We met Connor in the summer of 2016. Connor was diagnosed with a brain tumor when he was 7 years old. Following surgery, he had visual deficits, language issues, slurred speech, impaired memory, and several balance issues. Connor had one goal following surgery: to ride a bike. That summer, Connor was able to take home his very own bike (from Christopher's Promise) and set a personal goal of riding 100 miles and raising \$1,000 for Christopher's Promise. Connor met both goals. I was moved by Connor's selflessness and consideration to help our cause and provide for another kid like him.



LAUREN LICHTENAUER '11
founder and executive director for Christopher's Promise, a 501c3 non-profit that provides adaptive bicycles to children with physical disabilities



SHIRINE MAFI
professor, business, accounting and economics

Kindness means possessing compassion, empathy, and being humble. It also means putting others before oneself. We all experience joy, grief, happiness, and sadness. That's universal. So if we know this, we should realize the importance of bringing joy to someone in need of cheering up, or food in times of hunger.

As educators, one of our tasks is to reflect on our teaching to see how we can train the future leaders to be more socially conscious. This responsibility is not only moral, it's essential. Once students leave the University, it should be instilled in them to always put themselves in the shoes of others, and to think of the consequences their decisions will have on their community, their country and the world.

The biggest act of kindness I have witnessed is seeing how our family tries to help friends and strangers with small and large acts of kindness — from sending a basket of fruits to someone that needs cheering up, to taking care of a family member's financial or emotional needs, to helping a friend go through a dramatic experience.

Kindness in its purest form is an expression of care and concern that doesn't beg for attention, recognition or gratitude. Kindness for me has been a way of life.

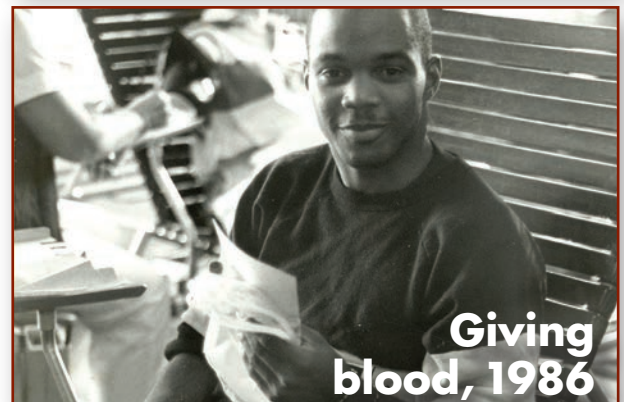
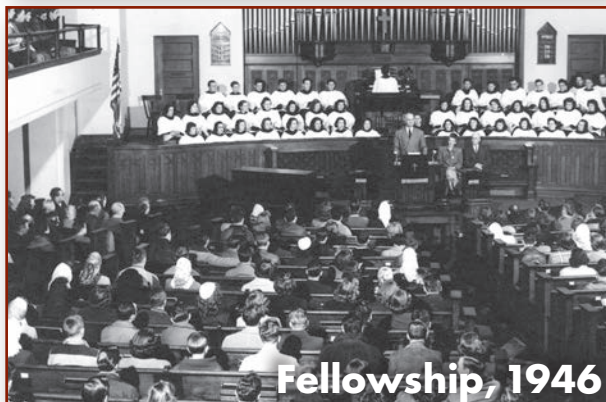
Having served as a mentor for resource challenged youth since 1998, I've found that it's one of the most engaging ways to spread kindness. Mentoring creates a butterfly effect that allows kindness to become engrained in those it affects.

I've seen so many acts of kindness, but one stands out for me. I once interrupted my son's video gaming to make him help me shovel snow during a snow day. He begrudgingly shoveled and salted our driveway while I did the long sidewalk. Our elderly neighbor came out to do his driveway and without hesitation, my son rushed across the street to relieve the man of his shovel and told him he could return to the warmth of his home. Without complaining, asking for compensation or help from me, he worked outside for over an hour and cleared the driveway and sidewalk and came home without mentioning it. I never asked him to shovel snow again, because I knew that he'd already learned the lessons I was trying to teach.



ANDRE LAMPKINS '03
Otterbein Young Alumni Leadership and Citizen Award winner (2014)

KINDNESS THROUGH THE



William Hanby, cofounder of Otterbein, showed great kindness to slaves seeking freedom on the Underground Railroad.



YEARS...that stand the test of time



Giving 100 Service Hours, 2017

Why kindness matters.

Kindness has helped provide me with a safe, fun, and loving place to live at Otterbein.

Otterbein gets kindness.

Otterbein is very kind. The staff and students' goals are to not only better ourselves but also the world by challenging ourselves in the classroom and in the community.

How I share kindness.

I have participated in over 100 community service hours every year since I have been a student. I volunteer at a local residence home once a week; continue to help Ronald McDonald House Charities; and am currently raising/training a service dog.

How people are kind here.

All of my professors, especially Dr. Erin Baumann, have been kind to me by pushing me to excel in and out of the classroom. She has given me constant support and encouragement and has taught me I am capable of great positive change. My friends are always thinking of our community and how we can help.

How my generation shows kindness.

Social media allows us to give positive feedback to each other immediately, but we also show kindness by challenging one another on views and ideas. We are continually trying to improve our environments by volunteering and sharing praise.

Role models.

I grew up in Marietta, Ohio, and my parents were and still are my role models for kindness. They are retired teachers and have continually given back to their community.



Katie Miller '18 (middle sitting) volunteers with Ronald McDonald House Charities as well as many others. Also pictured are top, Brooklyn Affolter '20 and Sydney Peters '18; sitting left, Teija Davis '18.

Katie Miller '18

allied health major

psychology and equine assisted activity and therapy, minors

STAND WITH US FOR SUCCESS

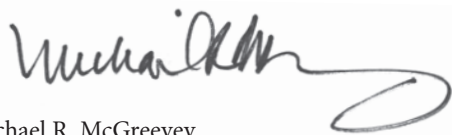
Reflecting on our incredible 100th Homecoming and Family Weekend this past September, I'm reminded that we have much to be grateful for at Otterbein — the wonderful students we have, our talented and dedicated faculty and staff, and the support and passion of our alumni and friends of the University.

Otterbein's success, and the progress of our historic \$50 million Where We STAND

Matters campaign, is simply not possible without everyone in our community coming together to affirm what we know is true: Otterbein Matters. Since the last issue of *Towers* magazine, we have experienced incredible momentum in growing our culture of philanthropy. Numerous milestones have been reached over the past year (see our campaign quick facts, right) and we are truly grateful for the generosity of so many supporters.

As you read the exciting campaign updates on the following pages, please keep in mind that we still have work to do as we continue to push toward our goal! An upcoming initiative is creating quite a buzz: the renovation and revitalization of the Campus Center and the creation of The Grove. Built in the 1960s, the time has come to modernize the center and create a re-envisioned space that all members of the Otterbein community can use and enjoy. The Grove will create a pedestrian mall and green space that will foster interaction and serve as yet another beautiful space on our campus. We look forward to connecting with you to discuss these exciting initiatives in the months ahead!

Thank you for all the ways in which you support Otterbein. This is truly an important moment in which we are coming together to transform Otterbein for the future!



Michael R. McGreevey
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

P.S. During this season of gratitude, it's fitting that Otterbein is leading the way with our *Kindness Matters* initiative. To learn more about the ways in which we are spreading kindness and encouraging others to do so as well, visit otterbeinkindnessmatters.org



Michael McGreevey
Vice President for
Institutional Advancement

CAMPAIGN QUICK FACTS

(as of October 2017)

CURRENT TOTAL

\$44,250,000



**more than
10,000
donors**

More than **3,982** donors made their **FIRST GIFT** ever to Otterbein



All **50 states** have donors in them, with **Ohio** leading the way with more than

6,630 donors

54 named funds added to *Access and Affordability* priorities

34 named funds added to *Model Community* priorities

103 NEW FUNDS



providing critical resources to support:

Access & Affordability

54 new funds

Building a Model Community

34 new funds

Campus Renewal

15 new funds

PLANNED GIVING

62 expectancies recorded with a total value of



\$15,848,000

to create a permanent legacy through trusts, bequests, and other long-term gift arrangements.

A MILESTONE YEAR!

Looking Back at our 2017 Campaign Highlights

AEP Foundation Supports The Point

In June, Otterbein received a \$500,000 gift from American Electric Power (AEP) Foundation to advance completion of The Point at Otterbein University.

Innovative Sustainability Fund Created

Alan Goff '75 and Coral Harris established the first-ever Innovative Sustainability Fund. Goff noted "In the last year or so we have been privileged to learn about Otterbein's many sustainability initiatives which will combat and/or ameliorate the effects of climate change. These projects include The Point's Outdoor Laboratory to be completed as part of Phase II and faculty member Kevin Svitana's Water Project. It is with great joy that we choose to support Otterbein's initiatives." In addition to establishing the sustainability fund, Alan and Coral generously pledged a five-year, \$25,000 gift to The Otterbein Fund. See more of their story on page 28.

Planned Gifts Milestone

The number of donors choosing to support the campaign via planned gifts is the highest ever in Otterbein's history, totaling more than \$15 million.

Creating a Culture of Philanthropy

A record-breaking 54 percent of Otterbein's faculty and staff participated in supporting the University, well above the average support level among our peer institutions.

New MBA Endowment

Sean Donnelly MBA '07 pledged a gift to create the first-ever endowment dedicated solely to support a graduate program at Otterbein. The Sean T. and Kellyn E. Donnelly MBA Program Endowment will enhance the MBA program and attract future students. Sean works for ArchRe Facultative, a global underwriting reinsurance and risk management solutions company, which is doubling Sean's funding through its charitable matching program, bringing the endowment total to \$50,000.

A Legacy of Enhanced Learning for Students

In August, Otterbein received a generous estate gift from a lifetime educator, the late **Cameron Allen '47**. In honor of Mr. Allen's passion for faculty and students and the educational experience, a half million dollar fund was established in support

of our Five Cardinal Experiences program, which provides active and authentic experiences that engages students in real-world opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired in the classroom. Read more on page 27.

Donor Generosity and Support Surges

In addition to reaching a number of milestones, this past year has been a record-breaking year for fundraising for Otterbein. The Where We STAND Matters campaign has helped to inspire countless alumni, faculty, staff, friends, corporate, foundation and civic partners to help the University through transformational support.



Otterbein celebrated reaching a record 54 percent level of participation among its faculty and staff during the Gathering of Gratitude event on Sept. 12. Staff members Kathleen Bonte, executive director for organizational and special giving, (left) and **Troy Bonte '01**, executive director for facilities management and planning, visited with Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings, vice president for business affairs, at the event. President Krendl, along with campaign chair **Kent Stuckey '79** (who generously sponsored the event), were on hand to congratulate and thank faculty and staff for the achievement.

CAMPAIGN HAPPENINGS

First-Year Engineering Lab Named at The Point

Otterbein has received a generous commitment of \$175,000 to name the **Dr. Joseph and Marilyn Harpster First-Year Engineering Lab at The Point**. The lab will give new students the opportunity to learn in a state-of-the-art facility as they begin their journey in the engineering field. The Harpsters are founders of Intek, a Westerville-based manufacturer. For additional information and/or naming opportunities at The Point, please contact **Kathleen Bonte**, executive director for organizational and special giving, at 614.823.2707 or kbonte@otterbein.edu.



WOWC Reaches \$1 Million in Support

The Westerville Otterbein Women's Club (WOWC) operates the popular **Thrift Shop** on campus. In 1980, the group decided to **focus on providing student aid** by creating endowed scholarships. In addition to the scholarships, the Diamond Jubilee award, a one-time grant for

students in extenuating financial circumstances, is given on an as-needed basis. Fast forward to 2017, and the **WOWC recently hit \$1 million** in support for student scholarships through proceeds at the shop. More than 30 volunteers work 2,500+ hours each year to operate the Thrift Shop two days a week. Congratulations and gratitude are certainly in order!

PUSHING TOWARD \$50 MILLION



With your support
BIG CHANGES ARE COMING!
A Revitalized Center for Otterbein's Community

Class of 1967 Legacy Gift: Campus Center Renovation Support

As part of the Class of 1967's legacy gift to the University for its 50th Reunion, class members are supporting the upcoming renovation of the Campus Center. As of our print date, the class has raised more than \$90,000 to support the initiative, including a \$10,000 gift from **Nancy Staby Boardman '67**, a commitment from **Robert "Bob" Woodruff '67** for \$30,000, and a generous \$50,000 commitment from **John "Jack" Whalen '66** and Golden Legacy Class Chair, **Karen Persson Whalen '67**. Class of '67 gifts as well as general gifts earmarked for the Campus Center are still being accepted and can be made by contacting **Candace Brady**, executive director of individual giving at cbrady@otterbein.edu or at 614.823.1953. More information is available at otterbein.edu/stand/campuscenter.

Former Library Director Supports Her Passions

In combining two of her passions, the Courtright Memorial Library and horses, former library director **Lois Szudy** recently made a bequest as a part of the Where We STAND Matters campaign to establish the **Lois F. Szudy Library Endowed Fund** and the **Lois F. Szudy Equine Endowed Fund**.

Otterbein is currently raising support for a **21st Century Learning space on the second floor of the Library**, to complement the renovations that were completed on the first floor. If you are interested in supporting this initiative, please contact **Candace Brady** at cbrady@otterbein.edu or at 614.823.1953 to learn more.



CAMPAIGN HAPPENINGS

Otterbein Fund Alumni Scholarship: Access and Affordability

Alumni and friends are helping make college more affordable for Otterbein students by funding scholarships through the Otterbein Fund Alumni Scholarship program.

Some of the first Otterbein alumni to contribute to the new program, which was introduced in late 2015, include **Jeff Myers '80** and his wife, Joyce; **Margaret Morgan Doone '72** and her husband, Richard; and **Sean Donnelly MBA '07** and his wife, Kellyn.

"We had been giving to the Otterbein Fund for a few years and were looking for a way to make a gift that would be more personal, impactful and targeted," said Myers, an optometrist and owner of Winchester Vision Care, Inc., in Canal Winchester, OH. "For just a little more than \$200 a month, we are able to provide a meaningful scholarship for a student, and, with the four-year commitment, be able to follow the recipient throughout his or her college experience."

Here's how the program works: A donor's gift of \$2,500 immediately benefits a student and qualifies him or her for an Otterbein match of \$2,500 through an Otterbein Alumni Scholar Award. It is a four-year commitment, resulting in a total cash gift of \$10,000, which works out to \$20,000 of financial aid over four years with Otterbein's match. The donor may name the scholarship for a family member or a loved one.

The beauty of the alumni scholarship is its immediacy compared to an endowed scholarship. We are still grateful for endowed scholarships as well, which is currently an in-perpetuity gift of \$25,000 which can be made over three years. We hope that this program will be a launching point to increase our endowed scholarships and bolster Otterbein's overall endowment.

Margaret Doone also cited affordability as a major reason for participating in the program. "My husband and I have been blessed with disposable income that is more than sufficient to cover our needs," said Doone, who recently retired as chief fiscal officer and business manager from Worthington Libraries in Worthington, Ohio.

"During the three years I served on Otterbein's Alumni Council, I became much more aware of the challenges faced by the University in its efforts to remain relevant to current students while retaining the core values that have been in place since its founding," Doone said. "The Otterbein Fund Alumni Scholarship program is the perfect opportunity to make an immediate impact in the recruitment effort by providing a source of scholarship funds."

Sean Donnelly, managing director of Arch Re Facultative, a subsidiary of Arch Reinsurance, in Columbus, Ohio, echoed Doone's sentiments.

"We have been blessed and are in a position to help," said Donnelly, who earned his MBA at Otterbein in 2007. "I know that sounds like a cliché but, quite honestly, if people don't help when they are able I'm afraid that hard-working, bright and enthusiastic young adults will miss out on opportunities to better themselves. Living in Westerville, I see the involvement and influence Otterbein has in the greater Columbus area. So not only is there a sense of duty looming over us, there is a confidence that this scholarship will make a difference to someone in the Otterbein community," said Donnelly.

To date, nine Otterbein students are benefitting from the program. Other contributors of Otterbein Fund Alumni Scholarships include Otterbein board of trustees member **Jocelyn Fu Curry '78**; Patricia Schutz, granddaughter of former Otterbein President **J. Gordon Howard '1922** (1945-1957); **Craig Barnum '87**; **Dee Hoty '74**; **Col. Allen '52** and **Jean Read '53 Burris Jr.**; and Otterbein Board of Trustees member Mary Navarro and her husband, Luis, who have committed at a trustee level.

For further information on the Otterbein Fund Alumni Scholarship, please contact **Katie Butt**, director of annual giving at kbutt@otterbein.edu or call 614-823-1472.



The six initial contributors to The Otterbein Fund Scholarship program include Jeff '80 and Joyce Myers, Richard and Margaret Morgan '72 Doone, and Kellyn and Sean MBA '07 Donnelly.

WE **STAND** WITH OTTERBEIN

GIVING SOCIETIES

The Joanne Van Sant Society

Joanne Van Sant, better known as "Dean Van," served Otterbein for more than 50 years. Through her leadership and mentorship, she had a positive impact on countless students, graduates, faculty and staff, and community leaders. In that spirit of unwavering commitment, Otterbein proudly established the Joanne Van Sant Leadership Giving Society. This annual giving society recognizes donors whose annual giving is at or exceeds \$1,000. Annual giving is based on the fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.



The 1847 Society

The 1847 Society recognizes those alumni, parents and friends of Otterbein University who have documented their commitment by naming the University as a beneficiary in their estate planning. Anyone who has included Otterbein and provided documentation is eligible for membership.



Thoughtful planning now ensures that future generations will continue to benefit from the exceptional educational experience that Otterbein has provided since its founding in 1847. A planned gift provides a perfect opportunity to honor a loved one, an inspiring professor or a field of study that has made an impact on your life. You can create a legacy that takes into account your family needs, reflects your values and gives back to future generations.

Recognition Society Listing: (for fiscal year 2017, July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

* Denotes Members of the 1847 Society.

Boldface denotes donors who have already fulfilled their JVS giving level for fiscal year '18, as of the end of the first quarter.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT **STANDS** TOGETHER

to celebrate, recognize and remember

The Department of Music hosted an epic event, the Homecoming Music Celebration, at the 100th Homecoming and Family Weekend in September in the newly renovated Riley Auditorium and Battelle Fine Arts Center. A number of alumni choir members, students, current and former faculty members came together to honor **Morton H'00** and **Barbara Chapman Achter** for their gift to provide new seats in Riley Auditorium. **Virginia "Ginny" Phillippi Longmire '55** was recognized for her generous gifts, which funded new windows in the Battelle Fine Arts Center.

The evening included a musical tribute honoring the life of former professor the late **Gary Tirey H'90**, who led the band program with untiring energy and excellence for 38 years. Tirey's influence in the lives of the music department, alumni and friends led to the creation of the Gary Tirey Endowed Award in honor of his life and work while at Otterbein.

Achter and **Craig Johnson H'12** served as guest conductors at the event, which included 70+ alumni choir members who came back to campus for a reunion. Achter served as chair of the Department of Music (1975-2000) and taught theory, composition, music history, music appreciation, opera and musical theatre. Johnson was on the faculty of the Department of Music at Otterbein for 31 years (1980-2011) and served as director of choral activities for 17 years, and chair of the department for 11 years. Both Achter and Johnson chose to direct memorable songs from their time at Otterbein for the concert and were joined by Gayle Walker, professor of music.

The evening included a variety of performances to celebrate the distinguished past and the exciting future of the Department of Music. More than 250 guests packed Riley Auditorium for the celebration. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Achters as well as Longmire for their generosity.



Morton H'00 and Barbara Chapman Achter provided a gift for new seats in Riley Auditorium in Battelle Fine Arts Center.



Gayle Walker, director of choral activities, takes a turn conducting the alumni choir.



Johnny Steiner '96, a professional recording vocalist, performed at the celebration.



Craig Johnson H'12, past department chair and guest conductor, takes a bow with the alumni choir.

Donors Invest in The Five Cardinal Experiences

Otterbein has long been regarded as one of the nation's leading institutions for its commitment to experiential learning. As an institution, Otterbein is dedicated to the philosophy that an education is not something you receive — it is something you experience. As part of this philosophy, the Five Cardinal Experiences program was established to engage students in real-world opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired in the classroom. A Cardinal Experience may occur in the community, on campus or across the globe.

To further invest in the transformative power of experiential learning and to make those applied learning opportunities more affordable and available to students, Otterbein recently announced **a new investment of \$500,000 into the Five Cardinal Experiences program.** The support is made possible by a recently received generous estate gift during the Where We STAND Matters campaign from alumnus **Cameron Allen '47**, a lifetime educator with a passion for faculty and students and the Otterbein educational experience.

"This gift will enable us to enhance our infrastructure for fully implementing the Five Cardinal Experiences and it will provide much needed support to make it easier for more students to complete these hallmarks of an Otterbein education," said Otterbein

President Kathy Krendl. "It will also allow us to recognize faculty who invest in mentoring, guiding, supervising and sponsoring Five Cardinal Experiences."

The Cameron Allen estate gift, in addition to the existing **Richard '54 and Carolyn Brown '53 Sherrick Five Cardinal**

Experiences Fund, will provide important support to further solidify the Five Cardinal Experiences program for Otterbein students and faculty. To date, more than 582 students have participated in the program, enhanced their learning experiences and have been recognized at Commencement.

Through the Five Cardinals Experiences, Otterbein students are encouraged and supported to participate in Undergraduate Research and Creative Work; Internships and Professional Experiences; Global and Intercultural Engagement; Leadership and Citizenship; and Community Engagement. With access to Columbus, a network of regional and national partners and a community invested in Otterbein's students, the possibilities for how Otterbein's Five Cardinal Experiences are realized are limitless.

Otterbein's Five Cardinal Experiences

-  Global and Intercultural Engagement
-  Internships and Professional Experience
-  Research and Creative Work
-  Leadership and Citizenship
-  Community Engagement

Love of Theatre Prompts Gift to Support Students

Otterbein Theatre patrons Alan and Christy Coupland recently committed **\$50,000** to fund the **Alan and Christy Coupland Theatre and Dance Endowed Talent Scholarship**, which will be awarded annually to a promising first year student entering the Department of Theatre & Dance. "Our gift to Otterbein is being made because we believe Otterbein has a wonderful program, and we hope this gift will entice future students to attend this institution," Christy said. "The theatre program has greatly enriched our lives and provided many opportunities to make new acquaintances over the years." Learn more about the Coupland's gift at otterbein.edu/stand.

Otterbein production of
Damn Yankees, Spring 2017



FROM WHERE WE STAND

"TO US, SUSTAINABILITY
MEANS LIVING RESPONSIBLY
WITHIN THE CONFINES
OF THE EARTH'S
NATURAL RESOURCES."

ALAN GOFF '75
AND CORAL HARRIS



SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

Global warming, water scarcity, and disappearing arable land

are some of the reasons behind the creation of The Innovative Sustainability Fund. The \$100,000 fund, established by **Alan Goff '75** and **Coral Harris** earlier this year, will enable a solar powered well and an outdoor laboratory at The Point as well as help fund programming and internships for students in the Sustainability Studies program at Otterbein. The couple will also contribute \$25,000 to The Otterbein Fund over a five-year period for unrestricted support, allowing Otterbein to have resources for day-to-day needs and opportunities.

Goff and Harris visited Otterbein several times over the last year, sitting in on classes and getting a behind-the-scenes look at the Sustainability Studies program. The couple feel climate change is one of the biggest issues facing society, and that education is an essential part of the solution to the problem.

"It is our heartfelt belief that an educated society offers the best possibility to create positive change for the survival of humans as well as other beings," say Goff and Harris. "An educated society is essential to understand these complex problems and be comfortable with the uncertainty. Without education, the future for humans and other beings is indeed bleak."

One of the more interesting projects of the Sustainability Fund is an off-the-grid well/art installation, a collaboration between the arts and the sciences. Associate Professor Kevin Svitana, chairperson of the Sustainability Studies program, and Associate Art Professor Jim Bowling will work with students to create a water piece that complements the exterior aesthetics of The Point. "We are actually going to install a well in back of The Point," said Svitana, who plans to use the project in his hydrology class next spring. "It is going to have an off-grid electrical system such as a solar panel to operate and will be integrated with some type of artwork, like a waterfall or fountain."

Future classes will be able to maintain the well and learn how to design, build and install an off-grid water supply, said Svitana, who also expects the project to help students studying abroad in places like Africa where finding water can be a challenge. "If they are in an area with no electricity, and people want to have some type of reliable water supply," Svitana said, "then this would be a way to implement something like that."

Erin Bender, executive director of The Point, is also exploring ways to incorporate signage for the facility in the well's artwork design in addition to planning the Outdoor Learning

Laboratory, a major focus of the Sustainability Fund. The outdoor lab will serve as a hub for students and faculty conducting research at Otterbein Lake and Alum Creek.

"As we bring more summer camps and K-12 students into the facility, the outdoor lab provides an opportunity for them to engage in more outdoor activities throughout the time that they are here," Bender said.

In addition, the outdoor lab will be located just outside the indoor laboratory for science and mathematics education majors, providing them an opportunity to explore various ways to create a curriculum for K-12 programs not only inside the laboratory, but outdoors as well.

The outdoor lab will consist of a concrete pad with roof overhang; two outdoor sinks with long stainless steel tables; storage; tables, benches and chairs, according to Bender. Students will also have access to Wi-Fi and computers and monitors on mobile carts.

Otterbein's Sustainability Studies program strives to challenge students to look beyond the surface of the issues and explore the complexity of what may seem to be simple solutions. Thanks to Goff and Harris, Otterbein students have more opportunities to learn and practice a sustainable lifestyle, which will benefit them and planet Earth for many years to come.

Goff and Harris embraced Otterbein's idea of building a model community and wanted to join in the spirit of experiential learning with community members, students, faculty, staff, and alumni, working together to educate and make a difference in the lives of all. The couple would prefer that the focus not be on them, but on this initial seed gift, which allows Otterbein to STAND out from other institutions in the area and put its mission in action. They hope that others will join them by adding resources to The Innovative Sustainability Fund or think about establishing a fund at Otterbein that honors a passion or life's work so that the Otterbein community can benefit.



WHERE WE **STAND** MATTERS

The Campaign for Otterbein's Future:
Investing in Students First

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1953 reunion year
Homecoming 2018

1958 reunion year
Homecoming 2018

1963 reunion year
Homecoming 2018

1968 reunion year
Homecoming 2018

Michael Leadbetter '69 received a Healthcare Leadership Award from *Venue* magazine and *LEAD Cincinnati* magazine at a ceremony in June in Loveland, OH. He is a

surgeon with The Plastic Surgery Group, Cincinnati.

1973 reunion year
Homecoming 2018

1978 reunion year
Homecoming 2018

Dianne Grote Adams '78, president and owner of Safex Inc., Westerville, was one of 14 occupational and environmental health and safety professionals receiving the Distinguished Fellow Award during the third annual Mark of Excellence Awards Breakfast. The ceremony was held

June 7 at the 2017 American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition, Seattle. The awardees were recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the industrial hygiene profession.

Jim Oman '78 is co-owner of Wholesale Laundry Equipment, Southside, AL.

Mark Thresher '78, chair of Otterbein's board of trustees, was inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) Hall of Excellence in April at the Columbus Museum of Art. Candidates are chosen based on professional achievement; impact on society through service, leadership, scholarship, minority affairs, sciences, research, arts or elected office; and service to their alma mater.

Jeff Brindley '81, president of Roush Honda, accepted the Business of the Year Award for businesses with 50 or more employees from the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Year of Leadership at its Jan. 31 annual meeting. In July, he received the 2017 Star Award from Ohio Cancer Research.

Christy Boyd Farnbauch '88 joined National Association of Women Business Owners Columbus as the organization's first executive director in July. She is founder and president of Strategic Links, LLC, consulting and coaching nonprofits and small businesses.

Peter Klipa '89 is vice president of loss mitigation at American Credit Acceptance, Spartanburg, SC, an indirect automotive lending institution providing financing to emerging credit consumers nationwide.

Giving
Note

Otterbein's construction of **The Point** has received a \$1,171,219 gift from the **George H. H'91 and Gladys Dunlap H'93 Trust**. **George**, former CEO of Nationwide Insurance, served many years on Otterbein's board of trustees and the Harrison County board of education. **Gladys** was a teacher and world traveler. The Dunlaps' support includes Dunlap Gallery (Battelle Fine Arts Center), Dunlap-King Hall, the Dunlap Faculty Conference area (Roush Hall), and the Dunlap Emergency Loan Fund, as well as a memorial scholarship in their names endowed through Gladys' estate.



Brian Hartzell '70 and **Terri Schamber Hartzell '73** hosted the annual Burton House Reunion in Loudonville this summer. Mrs. Burton rented her upstairs rooms to nearly 100 Otterbein men over the course of nearly 30 years from 1946-1975. Front row: **Jim Brubaker '69**, **Joy Roberts Brubaker '72**, Marlene Dray, **Gail Williams Bloom '72**, **Lynne Parmalee Bury '69** and **Gordon Bury '70**. Back row: **Geoff Astles '70**, **Janice Ciampa Astles '72**, Karen Elvin, **Fred Dray '70**, **David Bloom '72**, Judy Weaver Rubin, Terri and Brian, Sarah Weaver, **Elaine Schreckengost Weaver '71** and **Fred Bohse '65**.

Mara Matteson '89, a teacher at Keres Children's Learning Center at Pueblo de Conchiti, NM, led her class to a first place finish in the 2016 Recycle-Bowl, sponsored by Keep American Beautiful. The six-year-olds collected 15,482 pounds of aluminum, cardboard, paper and plastics by partnering with a local golf course and community centers.

Craig Sutherland '89 president of Sutherland Wealth Partners, recently accepted a board position for the Center of Balanced Living, located in Columbus. Providing specialized eating disorder services, it is the only free-standing, non-profit community health organization offering these services in Ohio. In July, he also received the APEX award, given to associates who have achieved peak performance, at the annual Financial Planning Congress in Charleston, SC.

TJ Gi '91 is a freelance trivia host, using his radio/TV education to entertain restaurant patrons in the Phoenix area.

Tiffany Valentino-Rigsby '92 is a proposal coordinator in the business and marketing department of Elford, Inc., Columbus.

Scott Lacy '93 is an associate professor of sociology and anthropology at Fairfield University, CT, teaching anthropology, environmental studies and black studies.

Amy Emmett-Rardin '95 is a hospice chaplain at Taylor Hospice, Pennsylvania.

Heather Rutz '95 is the communications coordinator for Husky Energy Lima Refinery, Lima, OH.

Todd Tucker '95 is assistant general manager at Residence Inn by Marriott Tempe Downtown/University, Tempe, AZ.

Charles Hastings '96 returned to campus to discuss current issues in biomechanics with Otterbein students last fall. He is a podiatric surgeon at the McKenzie-Hastings Institute for Foot and Ankle Surgery in Suffolk, VA.

Allen Lloyd '97 is the executive director of The Montana Society of CPAs (MSCPA) in Helena, MT.

Kate Altier Reagan '97 is the assistant director of auxiliary maintenance at Otterbein. She supports service and maintenance of the buildings on campus not related to academics.

Tim Dye '99 and **Katie Calliosn Dye '00** are co-founders/owners of Upward Home Solutions, Columbus.

Clients include people looking to sell their homes "as is," people who have inherited a home they don't need, landlords that don't want to continue in that role or people who can no longer keep up with home maintenance.

Scott Albright '02 is a finance manager at The Ohio State University.

Amy Miller Crandall '02 is a business process analyst with AAA Washington.

Erin Deel '02 recently became an account representative-editorial at State Teachers Retirement Systems, Columbus.

In September, **Joseph and Marilyn Harpster** pledged \$175,000 to establish a **first-year engineering laboratory at The Point**. The Harpsters are founders of Intek, a Westerville-based manufacturer of precision flow meters and switches for industrial, laboratory and aerospace applications as well as instrumentation and expertise for the power generation industry.

Giving
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Chris Jansing '78 was named senior national correspondent for MSNBC. She joined NBC News in 1998 and has covered five presidential campaigns, eight Olympic Games, 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and presidential trips to Cuba, Kenya and India.

James Stover '01 is currently a visiting professor at the University of Toledo, working alongside **Stephen Sakowski '03**. Stover received the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Meritorious Directing Award for his work in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, while Sakowski provided lighting and sound design. Stover's acting credits include Luther Billis in Virginia Repertory Theatre's production of *South Pacific* and an appearance on AMC's *Turn: Washington's Spies*.



Otterbein Book Corner

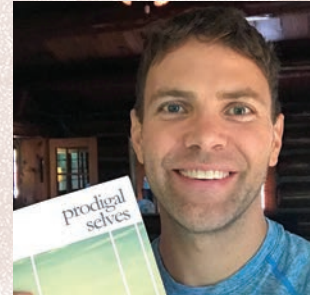
Michael Olin-Hitt '86 published *Messenger of the Holy* which incorporates transcripts from some of his oracle sessions during which his spiritual guide speaks through him on topics ranging from spiritual guidance to metaphysical descriptions of the universe.



Have you written and published a book? Let us know at classnotes@otterbein.edu. Send us a high-resolution photo of yourself and the book cover. Let all your Otterbein classmates know of your publishing success.



Shannon Rauch Bohren '92 published her first satirical comedy, *Our Lady of the Hot Mommas*. When Mary, the Mother of God, presses into service a sassy and rebellious juvenile delinquent to be her newly minted indentured servant of a earthly handmaid, what could possibly go wrong?



Jeremy Fulwiler '99 published *Prodigal Selves*, a book of new poetry that affirms those on journeys of healing and transformation.

Melica Hampton '04 is a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner (CPRP) and was nominated for 2017 Practitioner of the Year in June by the New Jersey Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association. The winner will be chosen in November at their annual conference. She also is an author of children's books under the pen name, Melica Nicole.

Jon Juravich '05 is 2018 Teacher of the Year for State Board of Education District 6 and 2018

Ohio Teacher of the Year. He currently teaches art at Olentangy Liberty Tree Elementary School and is the new editor of *ARTline*, published three times annually by the Ohio Art Education Association for its members.

Gretchen Streiff LaBonte '06 is case manager in the Dean of Students Office at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Nicole Dashkevicz '07 is controller at Stevens Worldwide Van Lines, Inc., in Michigan.

Patrick Connor '08 was recently promoted to financial advisor at Hamilton Capital Management Inc. serving on the Hamilton Capital Wealth Advisory Team, Columbus.

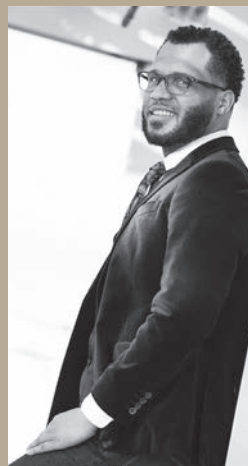
Sara DeVene '08 is a customer relationship manager, managing approximately nine million prospects and current customers for the ticketing department of the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

Ben Titus '08 is a recipient of the Marine Aquarium Societies of North America

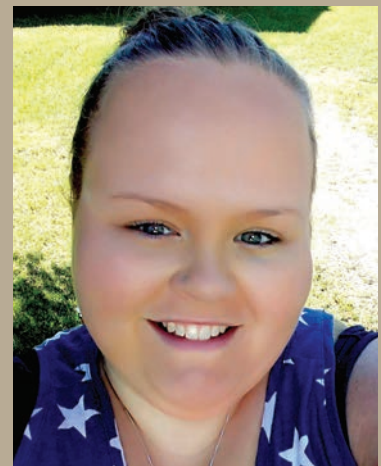
Graduate Student Scholarship. He is attending The Ohio State University working toward a doctorate in evolution, ecology and organismal biology.

Jessica Haldeman Knapp '09 is a community outreach manager at Lancaster Lebanon, PA, Habitat for Humanity. She works with current and prospective homebuyers, residents, community stakeholders and civic leaders to support and promote affordable housing, homeownership and community service.

Kyle Williams '07 is the assistant director of student conduct at Washington University, St. Louis.



Jennifer Hill '08 was accepted into the master of arts in public policy and management program at the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University this fall.



"Mama Bear's" Winding Road Leads to Prison Outreach

By Shirley Scott '70

Susan Seiple Sabo's life took a winding path to get where she is, but through her resilience and kindness, she now gives back to others whose paths are even more winding than her own — inmates at an Ohio prison.

Sabo was a high school senior from Upper Arlington, Ohio, when she "fell in love" with Otterbein's friendly atmosphere. Life challenges intervened, but Sabo eventually completed her bachelor's degree at Otterbein, noting that the acceptance she felt from old campus friends and new ones alike sustained her during her final year of study.

Her career took her to Columbus Public Library and, later, Gahanna-Jefferson City Schools, Ohio, where she retired as media specialist in 2011.

Three years ago she reluctantly accompanied her husband, Bill, a teacher and the leader of an improv group in Columbus, to a TED Talk inside the medium-security Marion Correctional Institute. She found herself relating surprisingly well to several inmates also in attendance.



The experience brought her employment with the Healing Broken Circles program. Healing Broken Circles has conducted prison outreach, and their Downtown program assists individuals who are re-entering society — whether it is from prison, homelessness, trauma or other isolating events — to overcome vulnerability and limited options by providing support and community.

Sabo and her husband, who volunteers with the program, organized improv classes at the prison, through which inmates experienced new perspectives and talked as "regular" people.

Improv classes expanded to include Otterbein credit-earning courses in poetry and women's studies. Jessie Glover of Otterbein's Department of Theatre and Dance organized the inmates in a production of *Hamlet*. The men even "rocked the audience" in a skyped appearance at the Chicago Improv Festival.

And now Sabo, affectionately known as Mama Bear, is daily inspired to offer the acceptance she found at Otterbein to individuals who have had few chances but are choosing to improve their lives by forging their own paths.

Ashlie Decker '10 is a pharmacist with Molina Health, Columbus.

Heather Beers Harmon '10 is director of marketing for Rev1 Ventures, Columbus. Rev1 connects startups and corporate innovation teams.

Kirsten Peninger '10 is an administrative assistant at the Courtright Memorial Library at Otterbein University.

Alex Stansbery '10 recently received his master's degree in educational leadership from American College of Education in Chicago, IL, and accepted a position as a first grade teacher

at Columbus City School's Africentric College Readiness location.

Todd Thomas '10 is employed by The Ohio State University as the extension educator, 4-H development and county extension director for Wyandot County, Upper Sandusky, OH.

Corey White '10 is a sixth grade math teacher in the Chillicothe City School District, OH.

Erica Bailey '11 earned her doctorate degree in mass communications from Penn State this spring. She is now an assistant professor at Angelo

State University, San Angelo, TX, where she teaches media effects, quantitative research methods and public speaking.

Chris Shockley '11 joined the class of 2020 at the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts, West Indies. He plans to return to The Ohio State University for his final clinical year.

Kevin Witt '11, MBA '16 is an operations specialist at Meeder Investment Management, Dublin, OH.

Tony DeGenaro '12 is a lecturer at the University of Michigan Dearborn and will begin work on his doctorate degree in English this fall at Wayne State University, Detroit.

Gifts to Otterbein can be prompted by many things and in this case, it was love. Two Cardinal alumni couples, **Paul '66 and Laurie Elwell '67 Paulus**, and **"Jack" '66 and Karen Persson '67 Whalen** recently committed generous support toward the **Where We STAND Matters** campaign in honor of their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Taylor Ford '12 is the PGA Tour's youngest caddie currently caddying for Stewart Cink. In the past Ford has caddied for Michael Thompson, Justin Leonard and Derek Fathauner.

Jennifer Miller '12 is a teacher in Columbus City Schools.

Sheronda Whitner '12 is a licensed optician serving at the Ohio Department of Health as a public health vision consultant. She was spotlighted by the Ohio Society for Public Health Education during National Public Health Week 2017.

Derek Dicke '13 is a teacher at Hilliard Bradley High School, Hilliard, OH.

Michelle Quinn Dippold '13 is coordinator in the Center for Student Success at Otterbein.

She serves as the study abroad coordinator and assists with academic advising and programming.

Courtney Kast '13 recently received her doctorate of dental surgery degree from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry and is a practicing dentist in Port Clinton, OH.

Haley Butts Needels '13 is a registered nurse with OhioHealth, Delaware, OH.

Mike Weisenberger '13 is a student information system administrator with the Columbus Catholic Diocese. He oversees the master schedule and student grade reports.

Kathryn McClain-Shaw '14 is the manager of teacher leadership development for Teach for America Appalachia.

After spending two years in the corps, she will continue her commitment for a third year and continue to work toward educational equality.

Meredith Ulmer '14 is a social media specialist with Wendy's International, Dublin. She is responsible for strategy and execution, making the brand's social voice resonate with consumers. In June, she was named by *AdWeek* as one of the 10 Branded Content Masters Who Bring True Craft to Consumerism.

Denton Warburton '14 is a school psychologist in Dublin City Schools, OH.

Maria Lingle '15 is a preschool teacher at Primrose School and a music teacher at Michelle Tuesday Music School, Gahanna, OH.

Brogan Orcutt '15 is firm administrator at Orcutt & Co. He manages daily internal business operations for the family-owned business.

Ryan Thombs '15 recently received his master's degree in public policy from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is attending Boston College this fall pursuing his doctorate in sociology with a focus on political economy, human ecology and democratization of everyday life. His article, *The paradoxical relationship between renewable energy and economic growth: A cross-national panel study, 1990-2011* was published in the *Journal of World-Systems Research*.

Alexandria Weber '15 is an applications chemist at CEM Corporation, NC.

Lauren Beitel '16 recently became the mission programs manager at Susan G. Komen Columbus.

Ashley Jungclas '16 is a helpdesk specialist at Ohio Dominican University.

Alyssa Antauer '17 is a supply chain customer service representative at Mount Carmel Health.

Giving Note

In June 2017, Otterbein received a \$500,000 gift from American Electric Power (AEP) Foundation to advance the completion of The Point at Otterbein. This gift will impact hundreds of students, faculty and members of the community through hands-on experiences, internships, and collaborations.

Mike Johnson '11 a Sigma Delta Phi alumnus, plays bass with Carter Winter, recently signed by the Roc Nation label. Last year they played more than 120 shows coast to coast.



Cailin Sendelbach '12 participated in Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course in Baja, CA as part of her pursuit of a master's degree, studying desert and marine landscapes through ecological and social field methods. She is a science teacher at Gahanna Middle School South, Gahanna, OH.

Alumnus Uses Canoe to Rescue Victims of Hurricane Harvey

By Will Elkins

As Hurricane Harvey gained strength and headed for the Texas coast on Friday, Aug. 25, Otterbein accounting graduate **Don Paullo '90** was not only thinking about his family, but the needs of others in his community.

Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Houston on Saturday, Aug. 26, and stalled above the city, pouring rain on the already soaked ground and overflowing rivers, lakes and drainage systems. Suburban and city dwellers alike saw the waters rise near their homes as Buffalo Bayou, the main river and watershed for the area, started to extend past its banks. It was then that Paullo first took action for his community. The president of his home owner association told him about a large trapped dog in a house three blocks away.

"For a few years I had a canoe on the side of our house that didn't get much use but now was the time. We paddled down the street, kicked-in the door and found the dog standing on the countertops. We got him out and back to higher ground," said Paullo.

After the dog rescue on Sunday, it became apparent that first responders and the Coast Guard were focusing on downtown Houston as it had the most residents and was hit the hardest. This prompted Paullo, and approximately 15



neighborhood dads, to organize themselves to rescue stranded people using their personal boats.

People began to call for rescue needs via the neighborhood Facebook page and text messages. The boats were then dispatched by a former Navy Intelligence officer neighbor. They would spend 10 to 11 hours a day on the water.

Paullo also helped organize neighborhood meals from food salvaged from homes in order to feed the rescuers and those rescued as well. The Otterbein Kingsman is always the first to point out how everyone in his neighborhood banded together during this tragic moment and was able to do a lot of good.

Otterbein alumna **Erin Appleman '90** reached out to Paullo about making a donation to Hurricane Harvey relief from her employer, Rite Rug. Rite Rug wanted to send four truckloads of carpet to help rebuild in the aftermath of the flooding. With all the confusion after the hurricane, Appleman was not having much luck finding a resource who was willing to take the carpet, until Paullo remembered one of his neighbors was the director of Habitat For Humanity in north Houston. A few phone calls later, nine trucks with \$250,000 worth of materials were on the way.

"I've heard 'hero' used a lot, but there were so many people like me out there making a difference, Paullo said. "I just happened to be one of the first guys with a boat."

Amber Bass '17 is a leasing consultant at Residences at Towne Center, Columbus.

Lauren Blumberg '17 is a music teacher in the Findlay City Schools, Findlay, OH.

Jonathan Boardman '17 is an operations analyst at JP Morgan Chase, Columbus, OH.

Noelle Butts '17 is a registered nurse in labor and delivery at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Cincinnati.



Lucas Bean '13 is a customer service representative at ACT, Inc., Iowa City, IA.

Cailie Bricker '17 is a nurse with OhioHealth.

Kendall Colvin '17 is a teacher in the North Fork Local Schools, Utica, OH.

Caylee Buckman '17 is a nurse at the Cleveland Clinic.

Tyler Cook '17 is a registered nurse at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Classnotes ONLINE!

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Couple's Generosity Helps Create Community Center

By Kim Schomburg Nagorski '89

Shortly after moving to Washington Court House, OH, in 2009, **Craig '90** and **Amanda Slager '90 Pickerill**, along with leaders of their new church, recognized a need for a community center to serve county residents. According to Amanda, the goal was "to help those experiencing hardship and to provide a place for people to come together and volunteer in our community."

The search for a location proved difficult — until the Pickerills learned that an old kindergarten building was for sale. It was not an easy decision, but because of their strong faith in God and in the mission for the community center, they purchased it themselves. They transferred the property to the Well, a nondenominational ministry/center started by the couple's church and 31 others. "The churches needed a place to do mission work locally, and it would transform our community," Craig said.

Since opening in September 2009 with a Free Store coordinated by Amanda, the Well and its offerings have grown tremendously. A kitchen allows the organization to provide free meals to community members, including children in the



summer program. Last summer alone, nearly 100 children were provided free lunches every day, and backpacks filled with food were sent home with kids each weekend. At the start of this school year, 300 backpacks with supplies were donated to area students.

The Well is also partnering with Kids Hope USA, a program that pairs local churches with schools, and equips volunteers to work one-on-one with at-risk kids. The Pickerills are hopeful

about this new program, as well as the other work the Well has done for the community over the past eight years. In Washington Court House, "the unemployment rate is high and the fallout of that is evident," notes Amanda. "We have a lot of hurting citizens in our town — young and old. The Well's services help provide some relief to those in need."

Craig agreed, stating, "The Well has allowed us to practice missionary work in our own community. And through that service, our volunteers are improving their discipleship and growing in their faith."

Profile

Tracie Crenshaw '17 works for the Walt Disney Company in Florida.

Lindsey Daniels '17 recently accepted a position at Worthington Industries as a human resource representative.

Meghan Davis '17 is an elementary teacher in the Worthington City Schools.

Emily Dodds '17 is an event coordinator at Beyond the Game, Centerville, OH.

Regan Donoughe '17 is a rotation analyst at IGS Energy, Columbus.

Emily Egensperger '17 is a marketing representative with Universal Windows Direct.

Mara Eisenbarth '17 is an elephant zookeeper at the Reid Park Zoo, Tucson, AZ.

Adrienne Emerine '17 is an activities assistant at Worthington Christian Village.

Lauren French '17 is a fourth grade teacher at Worthington

Estates Elementary School, Worthington, OH.

Kylie Gialdini '17 is a registered nurse at OhioHealth.

Charles "Connor" Hinson '17 is a staff assistant for Ohio congressman Pat Tiberi.

Aimee Horne '17 is coordinator of child nutrition programs at Westerville Area Resource Ministry.

Maggie Hutson '17 is a teacher at the Goddard School, Columbus.

Jacqueline Kallay '17 is a teacher in Westerville City Schools.

Courtney Kilmer '17 has accepted a position as a community liaison with the social enterprise School Solutions Network, sponsored by Status Solutions, a software development company. She is working with schools to create and assist with an anti-bullying campaign to solicit donations from local businesses for school supplies.

Emily Klipa '17 is a recruiter at Discover Financial, Columbus.

Olivia Knodel '17 is an admission counselor at Otterbein and is a member of Otterbein's Young Alumni Board.

Sarah Koch '17 is working in the office of Westerville Parks and Recreation Department.

Giving Note

Otterbein theatre patrons Alan and Christy Coupland committed \$50,000 to fund the Alan and Christy Coupland Theatre and Dance Endowed Talent Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to an incoming freshman in the Department of Theatre & Dance.

Entertainment Center



Rob Liotti '86 directs and stars in the cable pilot, *Family Values*. He has also been cast as AC/DC's Bon Scott in the upcoming film about the late Australian rock singer.



Aaron Ramey '98 participated in New York City's inaugural NF Hope Concert in May, raising money for research into the genetic disorder neurofibromatosis. He recently was a guest star in the made-for-TV series, *Living on a Prairie* about a woman obsessed with the 1970s show, *Little House on the Prairie*.



Bob Kennedy '87 is the midday on-air personality at WDLR Radio, Delaware, OH. You can hear him on 92.9 FM, 1550 AM or WDLRRadio.com, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and daily, noon-1 p.m. for *Classic Hits Cafe* under the stage name Bob Allen.



Caitlin Morris '09 performed in *Minor Character: Six Translations of Uncle Vanya* with the Sharon Playhouse troupe in Sharon, CT. She is currently a cast member in the off-Broadway production of *Drunk Shakespeare*.



Jim Day '90 is the new executive producer for *Bob and Marianne in the Morning* at WRRM-FM Warm 98.5 in Cincinnati.



Jordan Donica '16 performed *An Evening with Gershwin* with the Pasadena POPS, conducted by Michael Feinstein, at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in August. Donica is currently starring as Marquis de Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson in the national tour of *Hamilton*.



Dan Knechtges '94 directed *Pete the Cat* at the Lucille Lortel Theatre, NYC, this summer as part of Theatreworks USA, not-for-profit professional theatre for young audiences.



Steven Meeker '17 (with fellow performer Olivia Crawford, left) spent the summer in New York City where he showcased three original plays as part of the New York Theatre Festival. He has been chosen as one of the residents for Access Theatre starting March 2018 to develop *Very Strong Liking* from a 35-minute mime play into a full-length musical, *At the Barre* with Matthew Gittins.

Andrew Kotey '17 is an IT infrastructure auditor at Marathon Petroleum, Findlay, OH.

Elizabeth Krebs '17 is a personal trainer at Columbus Fitness Consultants.

Kerigan McNamara '17 is a dietary aide at Kingston Rehabilitation, Perrysburg, OH.

Ashley Miner MSN '17 is a certified nurse practitioner with EM Specialists, Dayton, OH.

Chase Moyer '17 is a data analyst with The J.M. Smucker Co., Orrville, OH.

Ashley Mullins '17 is a customer service representative with Farmers Insurance.

Tim Neptune '17 is an associate producer at WBNS 10TV, writing content for newscasts including web and social media. He interned with the news team his senior year at Otterbein and credits that experience for this opportunity.

Riley Nibert '17 is a registered nurse working medical-surgery for OhioHealth, Columbus.

Domenic Palleschi '17 is an account executive with Proforma Graphic Services.

Mikayla Partin '17 is a registered nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

Elizabeth Peters '17 is an administrative assistant at Associated Insurance Agency.

Ross Pfeil '17 is an assistant auditor with the Ohio Auditor of State's office.

Jessica Pullen '17 is a design consultant with Hamilton Parker offering commercial and residential design solutions in central Ohio.

Zoe Reck '17 is a registered nurse at the James Cancer Hospital, Columbus.

Lacey Rinderle '17 is a registered nurse at OhioHealth.

Emily Roberts '17 is a registered nurse with OhioHealth, Columbus.

Victoria Shoemaker '17 is a registered nurse at Mount Carmel Health, Columbus.

Cassady Shultz '17 is a registered nurse at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Lauren Silla '17 is a seasonal zookeeper at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

Nathan Smith '17 recently accepted a teaching position at Minerva Elementary School, Minerva, OH.

Sydney Smith '17 is an online stylist at Stitch Fix, the personal style service that evolves with customer's tastes, needs and lifestyle.

Mitchell Snyder '17 is working in sales at Snyder Brick and Block, Columbus.

Cynnamon Sova-Davy '17 is a photographer for JCP Portraits, and anticipates opening her own studio soon.

Braeden Sparks '17 is a state trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Katelynn Spore '17 is a registered nurse for OhioHealth, Mansfield.

Meghan Stursa '17 is an on-site program center manager for Wilson-Bennett Technology, Inc. at Ohio University, Athens.

Brooklyn Terrill '17 is a registered nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

Trent Tobias '17 is an anti-money laundering investigator with US Bank, Columbus.

Melanie Tuma '17 is a fourth grade science/ELA teacher in the Troy City Schools, Troy, OH.

Danielle Van Fossen '17 is a NICU nurse at OhioHealth's Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus.

Kendra Wilk '17 is a registered nurse at OhioHealth.

Julie York '17 is a teacher in the Worthington City Schools.

Jared Withers '17 is a Gold Jacket relations assistant at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Canton, OH.

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A Cardinal Tale about Love, Spirit and Triumph

*Thanks to the generosity of the Class of 1953, the University Archive has the ability to capture Otterbein's oral history through interviews with our alumni, faculty, staff and friends. The following are excerpts of a Cardinal Tale as told to **Stephen Grinch '98**, Otterbein archivist, by **Mardelle Leslie '50 Baker** about her late husband, **Pete Baker '50**. Both started Otterbein in the 1946-47 academic year.*

On meeting Pete...

Pete worked in King Hall during our freshman year. One evening, he was assisting with dishes. He had just washed a pot and dried it when he decided to try an experiment. He put his head in the pot and started to sing. He had a great singing voice, but when he took the pot off his head, there was **Lillie Waters Mills '1920**, head resident of King Hall, looking just as Mrs. Mills could look when you were in trouble. But all she said was, "You know you're going to have to wash that pot again, Pete."

Mardelle and Pete started dating, and four years later they were married on Aug. 27, 1950.



Pete Baker '50



Mardelle Leslie '50 Baker

they were finally able to give me the newspaper and explained that Pete was in fact alive and that it was a just mistake!

Pete and the registrar...

When Pete returned to Otterbein for his junior year, he needed a job that didn't take much physical lifting, walking or traveling. He found himself in the Registrar's Office and met Mr. Vance [Floyd Vance, Otterbein registrar and University president, 1957-58], and they talked. Pete asked Mr. Vance if he had an opening within his office. As it turned out, Mr. Vance's secretary at the time was expecting a baby and wanted to quit, and so Pete made a deal with Mr. Vance. Pete would do his own work and half of the secretary's, or as much of hers as he could, for his salary and half of hers. Pete made it work and eventually ended up becoming registrar! Pete had a way of getting things done.

A ministry of sorts right at Otterbein...

I was outside my house one day sweeping and a young man was walking towards me. To my surprise, he walked right up to me and asked if Pete Baker was my husband. Once we began talking, he explained that he wouldn't have graduated from Otterbein if it hadn't been for my husband. With my humor, I said, "Well, he's not a professor." The kid said, "No, but he helped me. I was overwhelmed and I thought I'd never catch up. I thought I might as well quit, but when I talked to Mr. Baker about it, he said, 'You can't do that. You have a good life ahead of you, and you have to be prepared for it. I know you've been having trouble with your studies and I have a program for you.'" Pete had it all planned out and was able to help so many students. God works in mysterious ways; Pete wanted to be a minister, and was very disappointed it never worked out, but I think he had a ministry all his own among the students of Otterbein.

Polio and the early years...

Pete started at Otterbein as a pre-ministerial major, however during the summer between our freshman and sophomore years, he contracted polio. Pete wasn't physically able to come back to school for his sophomore year, but he kept up with his studies doing home study. By the end of that year he had accrued enough hours to go on and be a junior. He handled his situation very well. He handled everything very well, his life, everything.

Reports of Pete's death have been greatly exaggerated...

When the disease overtook Pete's body, his heart stopped. The hospital in Altoona, PA, was able to get it restarted which ultimately saved his life. He was transferred from one hospital to another and I suppose not all the staff had heard of Pete's relocation. A nurse saw the empty room where Pete was and immediately assumed he had died. This led to his death notice being published in the Johnstown, PA, and Altoona area newspapers. My family knew I was going steady with Pete and they hid the newspaper so I couldn't find it. Later that evening,

The archivist wishes to thank Nathan Baker, Mardelle and Pete's grandson, for arranging the interview and for helping to prepare the excerpts. And a special thanks again to the Class of 1953 for helping us to fund the recording of these Cardinal Tales. To read the full Cardinal Tale with more photos, go to digitalcommons.otterbein.edu/homecoming

compiled by Becky Hill May '78 and Deb Madden '03

Marriages

Carol Roe Smith '69 to Carol Hoffman, May 7, 2016.

Debbie Goslin '90 to Robert Rannells, Aug. 15, 2015.

Scott Lanning '93 to Dean Vickers, Sept. 9, 2016.

Jeremy Fulwiler '99 to Sabin Blake, Oct. 8, 2016. The wedding party included **Mark Snyder '95** and **Allison Sattinger '00**.

Erin Deel '02 to Jenn Bonito, May 19, 2017.

James Baker '07 to Chloe Sanders, June 3, 2017, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

John McLaughlin '09 to Allison Gilmet, July 7, 2017.

Abbey Hirt '10 to Jack Hadlich, Oct. 15, 2016. The wedding party included **Kayla Rounsevell '10**, maid of honor; bridesmaids, **Pamela Miller Maynard '10**, **Karyn Hirt Alzayer '04** and **Kayleigh Hanlin '11**. **Daud Alzayer '07** and **Shanna Rute '11** also attended.

Alex Stansbery '10 to Charles Miller, June 15, 2017. The wedding party included **Lauren McQuery '10**.

Heather Weekley '11 to **Matt Lofy '08**, May 20, 2017. The

wedding party included **Katie Robinson Eisman '11**, matron of honor; **Joe McDaniels '08**, best man; **Jillian Fair '11**, **Danielle Dean Housler '11**, **Luke Crumley '07** and **Matthew D'Oyly '04**.

Michelle Herren '12 to **Tyler Harris '11**, July 15, 2017. The wedding party included **Lindsey Herren Dantonio '09**, **Danielle Dean Housler '11**, **Zack Housler '11**, **Allison Hines Burkhardt '13** and **Nick Houk '12**.

Courtney Kent '12 to Rob Wendzicki, May 20, 2017.

Amanda Seymour '13 to **Eric Frisch '08**, April 1, 2017. The wedding party included **Kristen Seymour '15** and **Amber Reynolds '13**.

Kathleen Smart '13 to Lucas Broshears, June 18, 2016. **Sydney Salerno '13** was a bridesmaid; **Emily Barger '13**, violinist.

Maddie Agler '13 to **Kyle Smith '11**, June 27, 2016. The wedding party included **Rose Powell Grady '13**, **Ashley Wallace '12**, **Sarah Miller '13**, **Jessica Blair '13**, **Garrett Zollars '11**, **Cory Tackett '13**, **Clark Tieman '14** and **Drew Agler '15**.

Laura Basford '14 to **Jon Cheyney '13**, June 11, 2016.

Kathryn McClain '14 to Nathan Shaw, June 10, 2016. The wedding party included **Emily Edwards '14**.

Danielle Lanning '14 to Danny Pesta, Aug. 20, 2016. The wedding party included **Katelyn Hanzel '15**.

Simone Slater '14 to **Eric Allen '15**, May 6, 2017. The wedding party included maid of honor, **Lindsay Paulsen '14**; bridesmaids, **Andi Cusepc '14**, and **Kelly Pruchnicki '14**; best man, **Jordan Novotny '14**; groomsmen, **Nathan Grider '14** and **Joe Pokorny '14**.

Anna Wassilchuk '14 to **Jordan Ricks '14**, June 3, 2017. The wedding party included **Hilary Rowland Greenlee '14**, **Stephanie Giltrow Schraffenberger '15**, **Brenna Goodwin '14** and **Corinne Fresco '14**.

Emma Shipkowski '15 to Thomas Ring, Sept. 16, 2016. Mother of the bride is **Terri Hayman Shipkowski '91**; brother, **Scott Shipkowski '16**, was a groomsman.

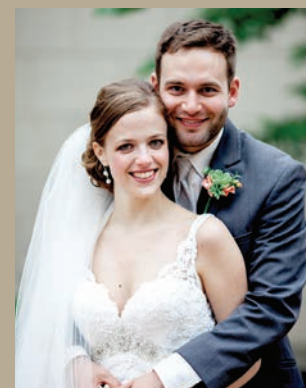
Deanna Glass MBA '16 to **Adam Prescott MSAH '15**, July 8, 2017. Officiating was **Jamie Albert '09**.



Carol Roe Smith '69 (right) with spouse, **Carol Hoffman**.



James Baker '07 with wife, **Chloe Sanders**.



Maddie Agler '13 with husband, **Kyle Smith '11**.



Simone Slater '14 with husband, **Eric Allen '15**.



Debbie Goslin '90 with husband, Robert Rannells.



Scott Lanning '93 (right) with spouse, Dean Vickers.



Jeremy Fulwiler '99 (left) with spouse, Sabin Blake.



Erin Deel '02 (left) with spouse, Jenn Bonito.



John McLaughlin '09 with wife, Allison Gilmet.



Heather Weekley '11 with husband, **Matt Lofy '08**.



Courtney Kent '12 with husband, Rob Wendzicki.



Amanda Seymour '13 with husband, **Eric Frisch '08**.



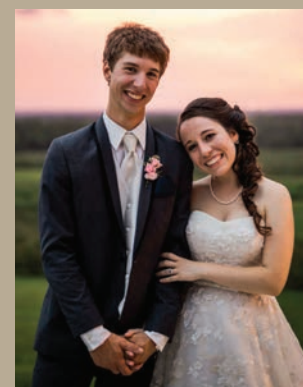
Kathleen Smart '13 with husband, Lucas Broshears.



Jon Cheyney '13 with wife, **Laura Basford '14**.



Kathryn McClain '14 with husband, Nathan Shaw.



Danielle Lanning '14 with husband, Danny Pesta.



Anna Wassilchalk '14 with husband, **Jordan Ricks '14**.



Emma Shipkowski '15 with husband, Thomas Ring.



Adam Prescott MSAH '15 with wife, **Deanna Glass MBA '16**.

Send your wedding and baby photos with accompanying information by email to:

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or go to: **www.otterbein.edu/classnotes**

Photos should be medium to high resolution (at least 800 pixels on the shortest side) and clearly in focus. We reserve the right to refuse any photo which does not meet minimum quality requirements.

Births

Cristi Colagross Laukhuf '96

and husband, Jeremy, a daughter, Lillian Frances. She joins siblings Brooklyn, Madalynn, Vivian and Cayden.

Jacque Fritz '00 and Alejandro Salinas, a son, Alejandro Guillermo. He joins big sister, Josefina.

Nikki Boeshansz '02 and husband, Stuart Meyer, a daughter, Abigail Reese.

Julie Shaw Evans '05 and husband, **Eric Evans '05**, twins, Ryne Maddon and Rossi Mae. They join big sister, Addy.

Jon Juravich '05 and wife, Amy, a son, Ari Jonathan. He joins big sister, Josie.

Amy Gibbs Pawlikowski '05 and husband, Will, a son, Luke Robert.

Ben Patterson '06 and wife, Dorothy Eshelman, a daughter, Hazel Irene.

Lydia Hayes Allen '07 and husband, Scott, a daughter, Hazel Faye. She joins big brother, Sawyer.

Melanie Kyser Kern '07 and husband, Christopher, a son, Carter Steven.

Valerie Vining McClure '07 and husband, Todd, a daughter, Grace Kathleen.



Lillian Frances Laukhuf



Alejandro Guillermo Salinas



Abigail Reese Meyer



Ryne Maddon and Rossi Mae Evans, with big sister, Addy



Ari Jonathan Juravich with big sister, Josie



Luke Robert Pawlikowski



Hazel Irene Patterson



Hazel Faye Allen with big brother, Sawyer



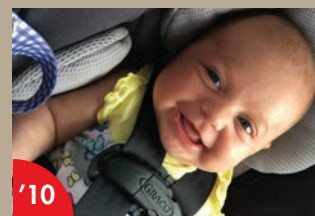
Carter Steven Kern



Grace Kathleen McClure



Evelynn Jean Tourville



Madeline Presley Fries



Arthur Benjamin Hall

Katie Minken Tourville '07 and husband, Scott, a daughter, Evelyn Jean.

Marinda Roderick Fries '10 and husband, **Andy '09 MAT '12**, a daughter, Madeline Presley.

Anna Haller Hall '10 and husband Benjamin, a son, Arthur Benjamin.

IN MEMORIAM

Deaths

'34 Sarah Truxal Wisleder	05/06/12	'57 Donald L. Klotz	12/14/16	'73 Joseph P. Campigotto	04/26/16
'41 Virginia Jeremiah Garcia	06/25/13	'57 Dale F. Kuhn	04/10/17	'73 Beth Sanders Hills	06/05/17
'44 Ivan Innerst	12/18/14	'58 Shirley Bracken McJunkin	09/20/17	'73 Edward J. D'Andrea	08/04/17
'44 Eleanor McDill Tootle	07/09/17	'60 Janet Christy Chamberlin	09/06/17	'74 James M. Brant	05/10/17
'45 Turney Williamson	05/06/15	'60 Donna Kesling Franer	04/18/17	'76 Timothy M. Riggs	12/18/13
'45 Julia Mokry Degrandchamp	07/10/17	'61 Shirley Hamilton Ludmann	07/25/17	'83 Sandra Cassell Jenkins	04/29/17
'47 Irene Shinew Hampshire	05/31/17	'62 Dennis R. Daily	04/24/17	'85 Donna M. Cochran	05/10/17
'51 Olivetta McCoy Yohn	09/16/17	'62 Helen Altman Hicks	09/05/17	'96 Daniel E. Dick	06/16/15
'52 Marilyn Wallingford Grandey	05/01/17	'64 Elizabeth Glor Allen	06/27/17	'96 Rodney Lamont Cross	06/11/17
'53 Michael O. Philips	08/23/17	'65 Miatta A. Koroma	06/21/17	'97 Ronald A. Butler	09/19/17
'54 Harold E. Hensel	05/16/17	'65 Rosemary Gorman McTygue	07/25/17		
'54 Dick V. Impastato	07/11/17	'66 Michael R. Grayem	07/07/17		
'56 David S. Brown	04/25/12	'67 Thomas H. McComb	04/22/17		
'56 Rex N. Sprague	05/13/17	'67 J. Thomas Pascoe	08/31/17		
'56 Joanne Yohn Colberg	07/12/17	'68 George R. Kellar	05/29/17		
'56 William E. Downey	07/25/17	'70 Patty Pease	09/11/17		
'57 Fred V. Brown	04/07/15	'72 David S. Oldham	04/07/17		

Friends

Jeanne Talley	06/15/17
Philip E. Barnhart	06/19/17
David Isele	06/24/16

Long form obituaries can be found at www.otterbein.edu/classnotes.

If you would like a copy of a particular obituary, email alumniinfo@otterbein.edu or call 614-823-1650.

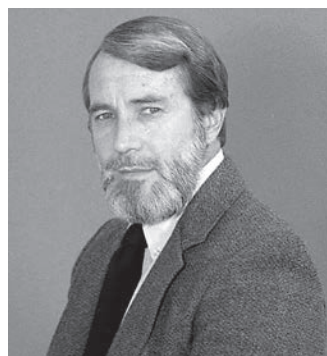
Some former Otterbein faculty and staff who have passed...



Phil Barnhart, astronomy/physics
6/19/17



Jim Carr, French
12/22/16



Albert Germanson, art
2/23/16



Wally Hood, athletics
4/28/17



Joyce Karsko, psychology
9/23/16



Crystal Koon-Lester,
registrar's office
7/22/16



Jeanne Talley, admission
6/15/17



Gary Tirey, music
4/1/17



Cardinal Tales

by Becky Fickel Smith '81, executive director of Alumni Relations



Habitat for Humanity spring trip, 2006.



Fall Community Plunge, 2011.

Back in 1994, Otterbein started the New Student Community Plunge which expanded into the Spring Plunge. I recall our first year when we built a playground at the Columbus Catholic Diocese Center with Bob Gatti, Ralph McCormick, **Joyce Jadwin '89** and loads of students. We painted classrooms with more paint on us than on the walls. Many of you have experienced the plunges as students with your own special memories of "contributions to the common good" (part of Otterbein's vision statement). This past fall, more than 400 students touched central Ohio agencies with the 23rd community service plunge. Just think of all the kindness shared by thousands of Otterbein students and faculty.

I want to invite you (and your classmates, Greek sisters/brothers, roommates) to join the devoted Otterbein students on Saturday, March 17, 2018, for this year's "Otterbein Kindness Matters Spring Community Plunge." You can either join us on campus working alongside our students, faculty and staff OR serve in your hometown. We'll create a social media page for you to send us a photo conducting your acts of kindness and wearing your Otterbein red pride. If you would like to learn more, please contact me at alumniinfo@otterbein.edu. Let's keep the tradition alive!

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." – Maya Angelou

Becky Fickel Smith

Becky Fickel Smith '81

Executive Director of Alumni Relations



Left: President Krendl with students in the Fall Community Plunge, 2009. **Right:** Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Gatti (center), works on a playground for the Columbus Catholic Diocese Center in 1994.



The '60s Rebellion, Vietnam, the Sounds of Music *It's all on tap and more at the Lifelong Learning Community*

Are you 55 or over? Would you be curious to learn something new? Do you have a few free hours in your week? Why not join the Lifelong Learning Community at Otterbein? An annual membership (September-August) is just \$50; add your spouse or a friend for only \$25.

Three ways to join:

- ✓ Visit the website at www.otterbein.edu/lifelonglearningcommunity.
- ✓ Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650.
- ✓ Email lifelonglearning@otterbein.edu.

Sampling of Spring Courses

Spring sessions start in February.

- The '60s Rebellion, a mini-course of five sessions with Betsy MacLean.
- Vietnam: Our Generational War, Fact and Fiction with Terry Carlson.
- Birdwatching for Beginners with **Dave Finley '74**.

May 2018 Mini-Courses

For a more intensive session, try the May 2018 Mini-courses, \$100 for the first course or first person, each additional at \$50.

May 14-18

- **The Sounds of Music: Listening to Global, Classical and Popular Music** with **Lyle Barkhymer '64**, professor emeritus, music.
- **Digital Storytelling: Capture Your Memories in Video** with Jean Kelly, faculty, communications.

May 21-25

- **Finding the Good Life in the Ancient World: Philosophy as a Guide to Happiness** with Andrew Mills, professor, religion and philosophy
- **Hollywood's Rapid Fire Romances: Screwball Comedies of the 1930s and 1940s** with Candy Canzoneri, faculty, English

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-823-1650.

Right: Mary Ann Burnam, Betsy MacLean and Arleen Stuck enjoy a performance by theatre students at the year-end celebration. Far right: Martha Owens presents "Move Better, Feel Better, Live Better."



Engaged in Learning. Sharon Buxton and Bostwick Wyman.



Jim Gorman, English professor, and Crystal Coulter at the May 16, year-end celebration.





Design by Andrea Burton '19



"WHAT A WEEKEND! How can the CLASS of '67 ever thank you enough for all that you did to make our 50th so special!? We all had such an amazing time and being there for Homecoming made it even better."





"GREAT JOB ON HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND. EVERYONE SEEMED TO ENJOY THEMSELVES. BEST HOMECOMING EVER!"



Otterbein's 100th Homecoming and Family Weekend welcomed well over 2,000 alumni and guests taking part in this historical celebration. The weather was superb and the beauty of the campus was stunning providing for many memorable, interactive activities. The "100 Things to See, Do and Celebrate" planned throughout the day welcomed and engaged the alumni with the campus community.



Calendar September 21-22, 2018,
 for Otterbein's Homecoming and
 Family Weekend
 Celebrating the Reunion Classes of
 1978, 1973, 1968, 1963,
 1958 and 1953!



Class Reunion Photos from Homecoming



Class of 1967 Golden Reunion

Row 1: (sitting) Scott Steele, Rebecca Lust Gribler, Joanne Miller Stichweh, Jane Arnold Olson, James Bruce, Emma Lee Schmidt Moore, Princess Caulker Barlay, Janet Blair Roll, Pat Gates Saltzgaber, David Evans. **Row 2:** Mary Jo Allen Carlos, Janet Radebaugh Purdy, Florence Gee Lowe, Sandy Kelley Shivers, Carol Capell, Maxine Bamberger Hegnauer, Sue Daniels Tonkinson, Kathleen Morris Orbin, Linda Fetter McGuire, Marcia Sanders Pomeroy, Elaine Winter, Jan Murdock Martin, Leslie Hopkinson Garman, Sandy Miller White, Esther Burgess Palmer, Debbie Ewell Currin, Gloria Brown Parsisson, Betty Steckman. **Row 3:** Don Carlos, Katherine Knittel Trent, Warren Wheeler, Steve Kull, Mary

Wilson Kull, Becky Morr, David Hogg, Karen Persson Whalen, Gerald Bishop, Betty Gardner Hoffman, Toni Churches Carter, Sharon Banbury Shoaf, Laurie Elwell Paulus, Dotty DeTurck Miller, Linda Baker Bernegger, Bill Currin, Barbara Wissinger Calihan. **Row 4:** Brian Wood, Philip Hardy, Greg Wince, Roger Nisley, Jeff Olson, Dawn Armstrong Farrell, Reg Farrell, Dennis Cowden, William Hoffman, Ken Ash, Jim White, Carol Sorensen Lafollette, Tom George. **Row 5:** Jerry Pearson, Tim Pond, Earl Bennett, Brian Johnston, Ken Carlsen, Robert Speelman, Carl Weaver, Dick Sawyer, George Biggs, Marvin Rusk, Don Lutz, Allen Myers, Robert Woodruff.



Class of 1957 60th Reunion

Seated: Janice Gunn Dunphy, Jane Zaebs Alstrom, Joan Ensign Heslet, Marge Curtis Henn. **Standing:** Lee Snyder, Bob Henn, Alan Norris, Dean Roush, Fred Smith, Bill Bale, Bill Freeman, Dave Cox.





Legacy photo

Row 1: Mark Donofrio '73, Gabriella Donofrio '20, Tammy Hogg Sheridan '92, David Hogg '67, Maureen Sims Motter '88, Joanne Hill Marshall '88, Jerry McSwords '94, Shelby McSwords '21, Sara McSwords '95, Ike Wade '17, Audrey Blessing '21, Carly Salyer '21. **Row 2:** Bob Gatti H'03, Becky Fickel Smith '81, Shanna Price '13, Lisa Collins Huston '88, Wayne Huston '60, Daniel Motter '20, Joelle Marshall '18, Joe McSwords '94, John Reichard '21, Tim Reichard '89, Darcy Gilmore Blessing '96, Penny Harker Salyer '83.

Row 3: Angela Doerres Phillips '88, Becky Lust Gribler '67, Darcie Gribler D'Ascenzo '97, Jae Benson Van Wey '71, Peter Huston '16, Michael Huston '86, Matthew Huston '21, Dan Gifford '88, Spencer Gifford '21, Nicole Tuller Stobart '93, **Row 4:** Mars Phillips '21, Mike Gribler '69, Rocco D'Ascenzo '97, Nate Van Wey '72, Erin Van Wey '99, Lee Snyder '57, Mitchell Snyder '17, Kris Mackey Marvin '95, Madison Ryan '20, Bill Brooks '87, Kaitlyn Brooks '20, Steven Stobart '93, Carsyn Stobart '20, Joe Sanfillipo '19, Dick Sanfillipo '82.



Class of 1972 45th Reunion

Row 1: George Miller, Nancy Smith, Joanne Anderson Coker, Alan Hyre, Jim Roshon. **Row 2:** Mike Ziegler, Gary Armbrust, Trina Steck Mescher, Tony Mescher, Lynn Hokanson, Kathy Butler, Amy Weinrich, Nate Van Wey. Not pictured: Jim Vetter.



Class of 1977 40th Reunion

Sitting: Sharryn Cory Webb, Joe Antram, Terrie Hopkins Termeer, Tim Bright. **Standing:** Keith Jones, Tom Bachtel, Richard Shank, Jeff Yuest, Jim McCurdy, Kathy Shaver Cremeans, Cathy Stettner Shinaberry, Patty Buchanan Pierpoint, Paula Bricker Erickson, Jeanine Tressler Howell, Tim Hayes, Frank Dantonio, Chris Kaiser, Belinda Seibert Lynch, Phil Wells, Jean Weixel Reynolds.


The re-imagined Spring Alumni Awards will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018, in the Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall. Many spectacular moments featuring recognition of young alumni, seasoned alumni, student and faculty/staff along with talented student/alumni performances and a breathtaking pre- and post-party. It is "An Evening of Celebration" with Cardinal Pride!

You're Invited to
An Evening of Celebration
Saturday, April 21, 2018, 7 p.m.

Young Alumni Happenings

Want to get involved as a young alumna/alumnus? We are always looking for alumni that are interested in helping with:

- ✓ Speaking in a class.
- ✓ Speaking on a panel.
- ✓ Mentoring students.
- ✓ Networking with students.
- ✓ Joining the Young Alumni Board.

To see upcoming events or to learn how you can get involved, go to www.otterbein.edu/youngalumni. 

Above Right: The Young Alumni tent at Homecoming. Right: Attendees at the Columbus Crew game on Aug. 26, 2017.



Top: Young alumni at Seventh Seasons Brewing Co. mixer. Above: Tailgating at the Columbus Crew game.



Relive the '70s



SUMMER BREEZE ♦ JUNE 15-17, 2018

Here's the Plan

FRIDAY NIGHT

Get reacquainted at the Old Bag of Nails. Appetizers provided. Cash bar. Afterwards, attend a Summer Theatre performance or look for the planets from the Weitkamp Observatory at the top of the Science Center.





SATURDAY

Meet us at The Point, an economic driver and collaborative private/public partnership that is redefining the future of higher education. After a tour of the facility, we will participate in a Maker Mania producing a souvenir of our experience. Next, we invite former professors, coaches and staff to join us for an ice cream social. At 4 p.m., enjoy an Unfeathered Access tour of all the secret places on campus.

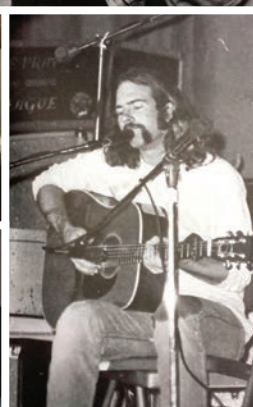
SATURDAY EVENING

Relive the '70s with good music and good friends at a big bash in the newly remodeled Embassy Suites Hotel ballroom. Dance and laugh the night away!

Here is what Summer Breezers enjoy most about the Weekend:

-  **Meeting up with old friends.**
-  **Seeing what's new on campus.**
-  **Gathering all the '70s alumni together.**
-  **Having a blast on Saturday night!**

Watch your inbox, the Otterbein Alumni Facebook page and the Otterbein website for details as they emerge!



ALUMNI TRAVEL

More details at www.otterbein.edu/alumni/travel

Questions? Call **Becky May '78** at 614-823-1650 or 1-888-614-2600.

Pack your bags and leave the driving to us! These are just a few of the Cardinal rewards received when you travel with Otterbein.

24th Cardinal Migration

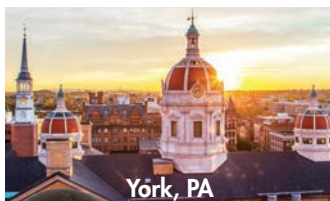


YORK AND GETTYSBURG, PA

May 7 - 10, 2018



York, PA



York, PA



Gettysburg battlefield



Gettysburg monument

New! All inclusive pricing covers:

Bus transportation throughout the migration and complimentary roundtrip travel from Westerville to our hotel in York, PA (or join us there).

- Three nights lodging at Heritage Hills Golf Resort.
- "Made in America" tours, including:
 - ✓ Bluett Bros. violins.
 - ✓ The Harley Davidson assembly plant.
- Day trip to Gettysburg with a licensed guide.
- Flight 93 Memorial.
- Six meals, including the welcome and farewell dinners.

Detailed itinerary can be found at

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Reserve your space with payment by Feb. 1, 2018,

\$729 pp double, \$929 single, by calling Warther Tours at 330-556-4535.

The Inns and Coves of New England

New Date! Sept. 10-18, 2018



New Hampshire Lake District



Kennebunkport



Mt. Washington Cog Railway



Castle in the Clouds

On this tour you will visit:

- ✓ Boston and Cambridge.
- ✓ New Hampshire Lake District and the Castle in the Clouds.
- ✓ Mt. Washington Cog Railway and Museum.
- ✓ Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park.
- ✓ Kennebunkport.
- ✓ And much more!

Included in your tour: Airfare from Columbus (other options also available); eight nights hotel accommodations; 14 meals; Boston, Cambridge and literary figure tours;

three water cruises including a Maine lobster cruise; tour escort and guides; luggage service; taxes, entry fees and gratuities; travel insurance; souvenir/keepsake photo book.

\$2,995 pp double occupancy, \$2,895 pp triple, \$3,895 pp single rate

A deposit of \$250 per person by March 1, 2018, holds your seat.

Final payment due June 1, 2018.

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See more at:

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MEET YOUR TEAM

Katie E. Butt

Director of Annual Giving

A 2014 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, Katie is new to Otterbein, previously having worked at Columbus College of Art and Design. She will be overseeing our Annual Giving program and the day-to-day operations for The Otterbein FUND, as well as completing the restructure of our TeleFUND program. Also joining the team is **Maddie Hill '17** as the assistant director of annual giving.

Matthew R. D'Oyly '04

Director of Constituent Communication and Philanthropic Programs

Previously the director of annual giving and constituent communication, Matthew's role has expanded to allow focus on developing a culture of philanthropy. He will work closely with students, faculty, staff, parents and friends of the University to cultivate their support. He will continue to oversee the constituent communications from the University and work closely with the Annual Giving team.

WILL YOU TAKE A STAND?



Meet **Ange Leone '20**, a sophomore environmental science major from Westerville, Ohio. Ange is thriving at Otterbein. She is able to pursue her dream because of donors to The Otterbein FUND.

Not only was she able to conduct research in her first year, this past summer, she spent 11 days driving and hiking the perimeter of Iceland to get hands-on experience with geologic features.

Support for The Otterbein FUND is vital. Because of donors, her experience has become so much more than just studying a textbook; Otterbein is now her home. Because of donor support, she is a **Cardinal!**



Please use the envelope provided in this magazine to make a gift or visit www.otterbein.edu/makeagift

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Students, faculty and staff will share the Otterbein name during their travels in the newly wrapped passenger vans. We thank Trustee Jim and Kathleen Rutherford for their generous donation to help increase Otterbein's brand. You can follow our tracks at #CardinalsOnTheGo. During fall break, students and staff at The Point took one of the vans to the William-Sonoma plants in South Carolina to discuss embroidery operations. President Krendl is pictured here the day the vans arrived to campus. Inset: Cardy on one of Otterbein's service vans.